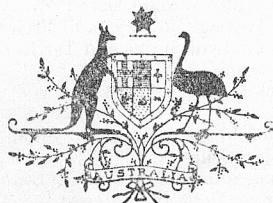


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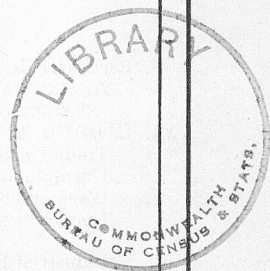
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STATISTICAL SUMMARY.

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Section 1.—Population and Vital Statistics.

AREA AND POPULATION.

State or Territory.	Area— Square Miles.	Population (Excluding Full-blood Australian Aborigines).						
		Census—30th June, 1933.			Estimated 30th September, 1943.			Popula- tion— Capital Cities, 31st Dec., 1941.
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	(a)			
		Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
N.S.W.	309,433	1,318,471	1,282,376	2,600,847	1,436,393	1,430,772	2,867,165	1,337,000
Victoria	87,884	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	984,947	1,001,336	1,986,283	1,107,000
Q'land.	670,500	497,217	450,317	947,534	541,307	506,503	1,047,810	344,200
S. Aust.	380,070	290,962	289,987	580,949	306,556	308,549	615,105	350,000
W. Aust.	975,920	233,937	204,915	438,852	238,066	227,898	465,964	230,000
Tasmania	26,215	115,097	112,502	227,599	122,314	119,921	242,235	67,900
N. Terr.	523,620	3,378	1,472	4,850	7,828	3,451	11,279	4,400
A.C.T. . .	939	4,805	4,142	8,947	5,494	5,277	10,771	10,500
Total ..	2,974,581	3,367,111	3,262,728	6,629,839	3,642,905	3,603,707	7,246,612	3,451,000

(a) Subject to revision.

ESTIMATED POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.(a)

31st Dec.—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T. (b)	Australia.
1900	1,360,305	1,196,213	493,847	357,250	179,967	172,900	4,857	..	3,765,339
1910	1,643,855	1,301,408	599,016	406,868	276,832	193,803	3,301	..	4,425,083
1920	2,091,722	1,527,909	750,624	491,006	331,323	212,752	3,989	1,972	5,411,297
1930	2,546,353	1,792,605	916,736	574,467	431,610	225,297	4,964	8,719	6,500,751
1938	2,735,695	1,873,760	1,004,150	595,109	462,461	241,407	5,645	11,464	6,929,691
1939	2,764,782	1,886,356	1,018,477	598,463	467,376	242,422	7,187	12,263	6,997,326
1940	2,789,123	1,918,774	1,029,613	598,091	468,311	243,057	8,852	12,868	7,068,689
1941	2,812,321	1,952,153	1,036,830	605,689	467,082	241,171	9,615	12,361	7,137,222
1942	2,848,574	1,969,977	1,036,479	610,271	469,910	241,437	8,143	11,831	7,196,622

ESTIMATED MEAN POPULATION, EXCLUDING FULL-BLOOD ABORIGINES.(a)

Year.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	A. C. T. (b)	Australia.
1901	1,363,373	1,203,137	501,432	357,343	188,135	172,525	4,765	..	3,790,710
1910	1,632,990	1,282,477	591,591	397,700	271,019	191,005	3,403	..	4,370,185
1920	2,067,715	1,512,093	745,957	486,619	330,023	210,350	4,211	2,174	5,359,142
1930	2,532,289	1,786,217	910,319	573,242	429,079	220,933	4,979	8,961	6,466,019
1938	2,721,196	1,867,818	1,000,749	592,579	459,977	235,678	5,726	11,124	6,894,847
1939	2,749,134	1,881,942	1,013,327	596,137	465,042	238,001	6,273	11,990	6,961,846
1940	2,776,154	1,903,941	1,024,807	598,222	468,005	240,243	8,244	12,745	7,032,361
1941	2,799,155	1,937,133	1,034,799	600,335	467,992	239,417	10,140	13,081	7,102,052
1942	2,831,021	1,965,998	1,034,322	608,308	470,100	240,119	8,803	12,191	7,170,862

(a) Adjusted in accordance with Census results.

(b) Prior to 1911, part of New South Wales.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES.

Year ended 31st December, 1943.

State or Territory.	Births.			Deaths.(a)			Marriages.
	Males	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	
New South Wales	29,260	28,005	57,265	15,944	12,926	28,870	26,302
Victoria ..	20,011	19,106	39,117	11,192	10,135	21,327	18,356
Queensland ..	11,800	11,434	23,234	6,029	4,547	10,576	9,979
South Australia ..	6,772	6,373	13,145	3,449	3,033	6,482	6,263
Western Australia	5,357	5,124	10,481	2,730	1,857	4,587	4,528
Tasmania ..	2,920	2,677	5,597	1,342	1,189	2,531	2,102
Northern Territory	42	38	80	45	4	49	46
Australian Capital Territory ..	191	185	376	48	20	68	97
Total ..	76,353	72,942	149,295	40,779	33,711	74,490	67,673

(a) Excludes deaths of Defence personnel and of Internees and Prisoners of War from overseas.

State or Territory.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.

BIRTHS—NUMBER.

New South Wales ..	..	..	48,003	49,382	51,729	52,647	57,265
Victoria ..	..	..	30,493	31,962	34,406	35,927	39,117
Queensland ..	..	..	20,348	20,412	21,519	21,166	23,234
South Australia ..	..	..	9,618	10,017	10,965	11,278	13,145
Western Australia..	..	..	9,036	9,121	10,118	9,901	10,481
Tasmania ..	..	..	5,004	4,994	5,206	5,305	5,597
Northern Territory	..	..	138	173	216	92	80
Australian Capital Territory	..	..	251	286	366	392	376
Total ..	..	..	122,891	126,347	134,525	136,708	149,295

BIRTH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

New South Wales ..	..	..	17.46	17.79	18.48	18.60	(a) 20.03
Victoria ..	..	..	16.20	16.79	17.76	18.27	19.74
Queensland ..	..	..	20.08	19.92	20.80	20.46	22.20
South Australia ..	..	..	16.13	16.74	18.26	18.54	21.47
Western Australia..	..	..	19.43	19.49	21.62	21.06	22.39
Tasmania ..	..	..	21.02	20.79	21.75	22.09	23.17
Northern Territory	..	..	21.94	20.98	21.30	10.45	7.82
Australian Capital Territory	..	..	20.93	22.44	27.98	32.15	34.61
Total ..	..	..	17.65	17.96	18.94	19.06	20.65

(a) Preliminary rates.

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES—*continued.*

State or Territory.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.
New South Wales	26,815	26,143	27,300	29,219	28,870
Victoria	20,169	20,293	20,522	21,973	21,327
Queensland	9,530	9,203	9,530	9,622	10,576
South Australia	5,739	5,708	6,288	6,712	6,482
Western Australia	4,336	4,486	4,769	5,076	4,587
Tasmania	2,426	2,387	2,575	2,430	2,531
Northern Territory	88	86	122	83	49
Australian Capital Territory	44	78	70	76	68
Total	69,147	68,384	71,176	75,191	74,490

DEATHS(a)—NUMBER.

New South Wales	26,815	26,143	27,300	29,219	28,870
Victoria	20,169	20,293	20,522	21,973	21,327
Queensland	9,530	9,203	9,530	9,622	10,576
South Australia	5,739	5,708	6,288	6,712	6,482
Western Australia	4,336	4,486	4,769	5,076	4,587
Tasmania	2,426	2,387	2,575	2,430	2,531
Northern Territory	88	86	122	83	49
Australian Capital Territory	44	78	70	76	68
Total	69,147	68,384	71,176	75,191	74,490

(a) Excludes deaths of Defence personnel and of Internees and Prisoners of War from overseas.

DEATH-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

New South Wales	9.76	9.42	9.75	10.32	(a) 10.10
Victoria	10.72	10.66	10.59	11.18	10.76
Queensland	9.40	8.98	9.21	9.30	10.10
South Australia	9.63	9.54	10.47	11.03	10.59
Western Australia	9.32	9.59	10.19	10.80	9.80
Tasmania	10.19	9.94	10.76	10.12	10.48
Northern Territory	13.99	10.43	12.03	9.43	4.79
Australian Capital Territory	3.67	6.12	5.35	6.23	6.26
Total	9.93	9.72	10.02	10.49	10.30

(a) Preliminary rates.

MARRIAGES—NUMBER.

New South Wales	25,471	30,364	29,983	34,533	26,302
Victoria	17,368	22,299	20,898	23,636	18,356
Queensland	9,108	10,287	9,885	11,722	9,979
South Australia	5,670	6,950	6,855	8,129	6,263
Western Australia	4,195	5,234	5,077	5,441	4,528
Tasmania	2,264	2,476	2,150	2,431	2,102
Northern Territory	85	154	179	53	46
Australian Capital Territory	88	125	121	115	97
Total	64,249	77,889	75,148	86,060	67,673

BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES—*continued.*

State or Territory.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.
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MARRIAGE-RATES—PER 1,000 OF MEAN POPULATION.

					(a)
New South Wales	9.27	10.94	10.02	12.20	9.20
Victoria	9.23	11.71	10.79	12.02	9.26
Queensland	8.99	10.04	9.55	11.33	9.53
South Australia	9.51	11.62	11.42	13.36	10.23
Western Australia	9.02	11.18	10.85	11.57	9.67
Tasmania	9.51	10.31	8.98	10.12	8.70
Northern Territory	13.51	18.63	17.65	6.02	4.50
Australian Capital Territory	7.34	9.81	9.25	9.43	8.93
Total	9.23	11.08	10.58	12.00	9.36

(a) Preliminary rates.

DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.

New South Wales	1,969	1,927	2,264	2,116	2,061
Victoria	1,085	1,261	1,246	1,497	1,399
Queensland	722	721	842	736	879
South Australia	336	356	356	448	482
Western Australia	369	403	357	365	342
Tasmania	203	176	255	225	227
Northern Territory	8	8	18	4	6
Australian Capital Territory	6	3	6	9	7
Total	4,698	4,855	5,344	5,400	5,403

INFANTILE MORTALITY—PER 1,000 BIRTHS.

New South Wales	41.02	39.02	43.77	40.17	35.99
Victoria	35.58	39.45	36.21	41.67	35.76
Queensland	35.48	35.32	39.13	34.73	37.83
South Australia	34.93	35.54	32.47	39.72	36.67
Western Australia	40.84	44.18	35.28	36.86	32.63
Tasmania	40.57	35.24	48.98	42.41	40.56
Northern Territory	57.97	46.24	83.33	43.48	75.00
Australian Capital Territory	23.90	10.49	16.39	22.96	18.62
Total	38.23	38.43	39.72	39.49	36.19

MIGRATION—AUSTRALIA.

Adjusted in accordance with the results of the 1933 Census.

Year.	Arrivals.			Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over Departures.
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
1921-25 ..	289,695	188,357	478,052	171,974	122,535	294,509	183,543
1926-30 ..	266,593	203,887	470,480	193,013	147,409	340,422	130,058
1931-35 ..	124,207	115,116	239,323	134,883	115,326	250,209	(a) 10,886
1936-40 ..	161,774	159,538	321,312	140,901	137,283	278,184	43,128
1937 ..	35,123	34,679	69,802	32,161	32,438	64,599	5,203
1938 ..	39,910	38,018	77,928	34,206	34,585	68,791	9,137
1939 ..	37,719	37,366	75,085	31,491	29,703	61,194	13,891
1940 ..	19,296	19,307	38,603	13,998	11,205	25,203	13,400
1941 ..	11,861	10,800	22,661	10,063	7,414	17,477	5,184
1942 ..	6,295	5,971	12,266	3,059	3,041	6,100	6,166

(a) Excess of Departures over Arrivals.

PRODUCTION.

Section II.—Production. PRINCIPAL CROPS—AUSTRALIA. AREA OF CROPS.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Total Area of Crops.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1937-38 ..	13,734,951	1,408,422	320,207	2,982,465	369,896	21,951,731
1938-39 ..	14,346,380	1,784,205	324,146	3,250,260	368,592	23,497,780
1939-40 ..	13,285,005	1,681,962	311,812	2,998,642	374,967	22,249,512
1940-41 ..	12,644,646	1,722,902	362,871	2,353,506	371,623	21,117,830
1941-42 ..	12,003,483	1,460,472	301,360	2,756,045	(a) 362,478	20,427,646
1942-43 ..	9,280,345	1,496,913	285,194	2,359,099	329,047	17,519,532

TOTAL PRODUCTION.

Season.	Grain.			Hay.	Sugar-cane.	Cane Sugar.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Maize.			
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1937-38 ..	187,255,673	17,163,061	6,816,612	3,423,753	5,494,910	810,319
1938-39 ..	155,368,621	15,554,735	7,056,642	3,321,161	5,678,894	820,086
1939-40 ..	210,487,306	25,301,980	6,560,065	4,158,064	6,313,369	928,621
1940-41 ..	82,233,324	10,199,218	9,192,744	2,177,470	5,523,416	806,457
1941-42 ..	166,712,865	22,302,478	7,436,174	23,573,168	5,153,670	745,980
1942-43 ..	155,727,983	20,984,148	6,970,103	3,116,422	4,645,901	(a) 625,000

AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE.

	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.(b)	Tons.(b)
1937-38 ..	13.63	12.19	21.29	1.15	21.48	3.17
1938-39 ..	10.83	8.72	21.77	1.02	21.65	3.13
1939-40 ..	15.84	15.04	21.04	1.39	23.15	3.41
1940-41 ..	6.50	5.92	25.33	0.93	20.20	2.95
1941-42 ..	13.89	15.27	24.68	(a) 1.30	(a) 20.25	2.93
1942-43 ..	16.78	14.02	24.44	1.28	19.26	(a) 2.59

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Per acre of productive crop.

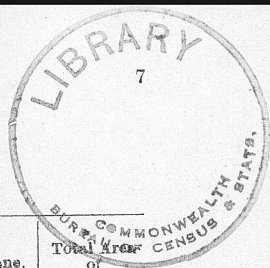
AREA OF WHEAT.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1938-39	4,650,872	2,748,362	442,017	3,080,401	3,412,818	9,849	2,061	14,346,380
1939-40	4,380,595	2,827,417	362,044	2,734,595	2,970,411	7,495	2,448	13,285,005
1940-41	4,453,963	2,672,728	322,081	2,560,390	2,625,401	8,038	2,045	12,644,646
1941-42	3,968,758	2,757,080	290,801	2,325,717	2,653,419	6,414	1,294	12,003,483
1942-43	3,032,946	2,145,156	334,785	2,009,027	1,753,178	4,128	1,125	9,280,345
1943-44 a	2,800,000	1,800,000	400,000	1,600,000	1,430,000	4,000	1,000	8,035,000

TOTAL PRODUCTION OF WHEAT.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	A.C.T.	Australia.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1938-39	59,898,000	18,104,369	8,583,736	31,674,418	36,843,600	205,263	59,235	155,368,621
1939-40	76,532,000	45,054,592	6,794,906	41,071,696	40,861,000	107,719	45,393	210,487,306
1940-41	23,933,100	13,521,422	5,687,350	17,856,118	21,060,000	140,375	34,959	82,233,324
1941-42	48,500,000	40,953,840	3,079,898	30,511,112	37,500,000	145,191	22,824	166,712,865
1942-43	51,693,045	41,803,107	5,005,065	36,525,459	20,600,000	73,320	27,987	155,727,983
1943-44a	47,500,000	17,500,000	4,750,000	19,000,000	16,000,000	80,000	20,000	104,850,000

(a) Forecast.



Principal Crops—Australia—continued.
AVERAGE YIELD OF WHEAT PER ACRE.

Season.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	A.C.T.	Australia
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
1938-39	12.88	6.59	19.42	10.28	10.79	20.84	28.74	10.83
1939-40	17.48	15.93	18.77	15.02	13.76	14.37	18.54	15.85
1940-41	5.37	5.06	17.63	6.97	8.02	17.46	17.09	6.50
1941-42	12.22	17.03	10.59	13.12	14.13	22.64	17.64	13.89
1942-43	17.04	19.49	14.95	18.18	11.75	17.76	24.88	16.78
1943-44a	16.96	9.72	11.87	11.87	11.19	20.00	20.00	13.05

(a) Subject to revision.

NUMBER OF PRINCIPAL LIVE STOCK.

Mar.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land. (a)	S. Aust. (a)	W. Aust. (a)	Tasmania. (a)	N.Terr. (a)	A.C.T.	Australia
SHEEP.									
1938	51,563,181	18,863,467	22,497,970	8,904,402	8,732,076	2,520,950	26,856	263,618	113,372,518
1939	48,876,663	17,007,352	23,158,569	9,936,586	9,177,531	2,625,690	29,901	245,540	111,057,832
1940	54,372,472	18,251,370	24,190,931	9,940,570	9,574,433	2,677,120	33,587	259,468	119,305,301
1941	55,668,000	20,412,362	23,936,099	10,263,423	9,516,272	2,682,375	33,703	281,791	122,604,025
1942	56,737,000	20,598,201	25,196,245	10,245,894	9,722,780	62,398,201	23,245	262,563	125,189,129
1943c	56,043,598	19,614,040	25,650,231	10,370,565	10,424,385	2,226,906	34,603	250,344	124,614,672

CATTLE.

1938	3,019,581	1,830,429	5,959,165	324,163	740,241	254,812	891,640	8,325	13,078,356
1939	2,811,884	1,697,295	6,097,089	313,897	767,630	262,407	899,472	7,057	12,861,781
1940	2,762,653	1,737,597	6,103,793	351,013	799,175	252,484	922,581	5,879	13,080,180
1941	2,769,061	1,922,336	6,210,810	376,654	788,923	259,108	922,303	6,686	13,265,841
1942	2,878,450	1,986,544	6,303,467	393,143	839,731	(b) 253,106	892,881	7,432	13,560,754
1943c	3,030,546	2,022,392	6,466,316	424,253	831,231	244,631	978,434	6,967	14,005,320

HORSES.

1938	528,625	359,106	445,916	197,334	151,067	31,573	31,662	1,225	1,746,518
1939	531,555	343,323	444,521	195,334	143,674	30,458	33,191	1,195	1,724,056
1940	524,837	326,217	444,956	190,013	139,207	29,605	32,721	1,241	1,698,797
1941	531,776	318,441	441,770	182,206	130,057	29,406	30,716	1,244	1,665,616
1942	525,697	302,401	431,363	171,032	124,402	(b) 28,612	26,209	1,233	1,611,059
1943c	483,277	292,534	392,639	164,855	112,782	27,077	43,663	1,143	1,517,970

PIGS.

1938	355,765	285,259	232,941	66,647	64,598	43,067	338	417	1,100,082
1939	377,344	252,462	325,326	71,292	82,922	45,317	355	573	1,155,591
1940	451,064	297,655	391,333	119,660	149,604	44,941	433	601	1,455,341
1941	507,738	397,945	435,966	190,068	217,910	46,713	407	593	1,797,340
1942c	454,102	285,227	424,458	119,765	147,960	(b) 44,519	413	854	1,477,303
1943c	486,960	307,929	409,348	156,243	151,958	49,251	532	779	1,563,000

(a) December, previous year.

(b) As at March.

(c) As at 31st March.

WOOL (AS IN THE GREASE) PRODUCED.

Season.	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust. (b)	Tasmania.	Nor. Terr.	Australia.
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
1936-37	505,375,065	163,048,510	515,766,368	76,604,296	69,935,210	14,067,000	35,000	982,831,449
1937-38	496,824,150	178,890,131	517,751,280	86,606,388	70,684,855	15,598,500	35,000	1,023,990,304
1938-39	439,049,939	165,829,182	5179,453,589	102,883,121	78,802,143	17,519,000	35,000	983,581,974
1939-40	548,505,998	179,125,526	5195,770,277	105,265,869	80,657,367	18,334,000	35,000	1,127,694,037
1940-41	539,035,404	187,831,364	5214,704,450	106,646,992	76,170,000	17,078,157	308,123	1,141,774,495
1941-42	549,203,170	212,919,041	204,119,026	105,124,013	78,500,000	16,935,404	308,000	1,167,153,654
1942-43	497,537,955	212,325,163	213,675,693	107,500,000	99,231,000	17,256,012	300,000	1,147,825,828
(c)								

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) For year ended previous 31st December.

(c) Subject to revision.

PRINCIPAL DAIRY PRODUCE.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Australia.
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BUTTER.

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1937-38..	53,966	63,090	52,788	10,013	6,863	5,356	6	192,082
1938-39..	53,045	58,291	70,369	9,249	7,254	5,284	8	203,500
1939-40..	52,149	73,583	63,771	10,240	6,942	5,295	7	211,987
1940-41..	48,466	69,797	53,544	9,545	6,802	4,729	10	192,893
1941-42..	39,831	62,763	43,582	9,133	7,612	4,602	7	167,530
1942-43(b)	43,477	55,875	50,438	9,191	6,901	4,280	5	170,167

CHEESE.

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1937-38..	3,574	7,351	5,341	6,927	395	1,683	..	25,271
1938-39..	3,343	8,729	7,039	8,239	436	1,518	..	29,304
1939-40..	3,083	10,935	6,182	9,174	378	1,447	..	31,154
1940-41..	2,888	8,204	5,239	8,673	428	1,357	..	26,789
1941-42..	2,348	10,064	7,304	8,439	586	1,412	..	30,153
1942-43(b)	2,352	10,868	12,728	8,011	728	860	..	35,547

BACON AND HAM.

	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
1937-38..	9,542	7,454 (a)	8,753	2,766 (a)	1,790	1,096	1	31,402
1938-39..	11,794	7,370	8,492	2,673	1,894	1,015	..	33,238
1939-40..	11,627	7,985	8,947	3,146	2,086	1,292	..	35,083
1940-41..	14,091	8,946	10,299	3,345	2,304	913	1	39,899
1941-42..	15,293 (b)	8,602	10,923	3,942	2,766	937	1 (b)	42,464
1942-43(b)	11,471	8,773	10,700	4,196	3,974	1,171	1	40,286

(a) Excludes Bacon and Ham made from green bacon.

(b) Subject to revision.

QUANTITIES OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Gold.	Black Coal.	Copper.	Pig-iron. (a)	Lead.	Silver.	Tin.	Zinc.
	Fine oz.	Ton.	Ton.	Ton.	Ton.	Oz.	Ton.	Ton.
1937 ..	1,381,135	12,074,274	19,789	913,403	240,036	13,778,080	3,099	146,740
1938 ..	1,592,034	11,680,159	20,326	929,676	239,590	13,895,541	3,331	163,381
1939 ..	1,645,697	13,535,142	(b)	1,104,605	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1940 ..	1,643,999	11,725,683	(b)	1,212,006	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1941 ..	1,496,698	14,212,451	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1942(c) ..	1,153,787	14,900,000	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
1943(c) ..	750,863	14,164,000	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

(a) Year ended June.

(b) Not available.

(c) Subject to revision.

VALUE(a) OF PRINCIPAL MINERALS PRODUCED.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Australia.
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GOLD.

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1938 ..	730,958	1,273,351	1,334,788	46,922	10,286,349	195,079	109,168	14,026,615
1939 ..	843,935	1,533,899	1,428,598	38,895	11,796,085	192,596	163,414	16,002,472
1940 ..	1,068,692	1,924,396	1,351,654	34,892	12,697,219	204,248	238,849	17,519,950
1941 ..	941,244	1,600,016	1,164,621	17,908	11,852,452	212,710	201,599	15,990,550
1942 ..	807,436	1,060,910	994,214	13,930	8,865,806	191,835	126,035	12,060,166
1943(b)	666,491	590,541	652,310	5,423	5,710,663	180,209	40,880	7,846,517

SILVER AND LEAD.

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1937 ..	4,310,613	491	1,172,531	371	27,844	303,262	328	5,820,440
1938 ..	3,520,465	647	926,614	70	29,477	267,773	..	4,745,046
1939 ..	3,546,440	726	1,010,856	61	32,890	291,980	..	4,882,953
1940 ..	4,454,085	969	1,342,550	391	35,107	500,218	4	6,333,324
1941 ..	4,456,973	2,410	1,324,349	837	37,648	433,643	..	6,255,860

(a) Except for Gold, the values shown are those published by the Mines Departments of the several States. Gold is valued in Australian currency.

(b) Subject to revision.

Value of Principal Minerals Produced—continued.

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	N. Terr.	Aust.
COPPER.								
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1937 ..	72,406	..	308,968	21,620	986	759,332	55	1,163,367
1938 ..	87,905	..	203,967	15,333	1,275	580,238	4,362	893,080
1939 ..	105,407	..	289,927	6,612	1,373	668,561	2,248	1,074,128
1940 ..	103,701	..	428,263	21,083	873	717,464	1,072	1,272,456
1941 ..	117,490	..	620,996	41,390	154	721,985	3,185	1,505,200

TIN.

1937 ..	336,628	44,127	202,614	..	12,421	260,673	7,205	863,668
1938 ..	286,768	28,650	141,547	..	7,421	244,037	3,205	711,628
1939 ..	366,138	47,233	200,652	..	3,871	282,798	4,487	905,179
1940 ..	373,435	32,253	223,626	..	5,174	367,127	4,533	1,006,148
1941 ..	443,123	19,569	204,232	..	1,874	323,340	4,041	1,001,179

COAL (Black and Brown).

1937 ..	5,823,469	497,319	934,107	..	340,444	66,883	..	7,662,222
1938 ..	5,603,842	539,822	958,884	..	375,083	61,991	..	7,539,622
1939 ..	6,768,659	645,766	1,167,844	..	362,811	74,460	..	9,019,540
1940 ..	6,125,585	622,001	1,151,567	..	364,500	63,688	..	8,327,341
1941 ..	8,265,881	726,754	1,404,646	..	389,278	85,311	..	10,871,870

ALL MINERALS.

1937 ..	11,981,891	1,832,195	4,392,492	2,509,449	9,230,182	2,282,365	205,851	32,434,425
1938 ..	10,731,391	1,884,015	3,966,119	2,932,473	10,844,469	1,889,804	214,724	32,462,995
1939 ..	12,123,751	2,248,169	4,556,962	3,320,181	12,288,532	2,056,741	244,478	36,838,814
1940 ..	12,791,408	2,596,117	5,105,629	3,218,237	13,230,552	2,749,317	311,024	40,002,784
1941 ..	15,073,833	2,371,568	5,300,600	3,187,093	12,399,351	2,650,271	274,172	41,256,888

ESTIMATED GROSS VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Agricultural.	Pastoral.	Dairy, Poultry and Bee-farming.	Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining.	Manufacturing. (a)	Total
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1935-36 ..	75,388	91,286	47,533	11,424	23,248	155,891	404,770
1936-37 ..	91,403	105,499	49,886	11,765	27,381	170,811	456,745
1937-38 ..	93,229	100,794	57,641	14,755	32,434	188,061	486,914
1938-39 ..	76,851	84,895	60,404	14,634	32,463	195,746	464,993
1939-40 ..	95,784	104,972	62,070	15,347	36,839	212,488	527,500
1940-41 ..	70,406	110,959	62,628	16,847	40,003	248,751	549,594

(a) Net value. These amounts differ from those given in the following tables, owing to the inclusion in those tables of certain products which in this table are included with Dairy Farming and Forestry.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	No. of Establishments.	Hands Employed. (a)	Salaries and Wages Paid. (b)	Value of Plant, Machinery, Land and Buildings.	Value of Materials Used.	Value of Production.	Value of Output.
	No.	No.	£	£	£	£	£
1936-37	25,668	523,948	90,123,132	246,203,232	260,578,903	177,684,645	451,829,278
1937-38	26,395	559,160	102,078,550	257,993,600	287,243,412	196,488,024	498,779,141
1938-39	26,941	565,106	106,743,062	274,582,541	281,303,446	203,416,610	500,419,977
1939-40	27,111	587,663	114,517,633	285,209,557	315,076,697	221,295,153	553,253,317
1940-41	27,300	650,073	137,919,068	305,449,890	367,157,852	257,914,349	644,794,908
1941-42	26,971	725,342	180,052,212	325,512,892	433,160,480	316,439,028	773,058,971

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—DETAILS FOR STATES.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
1940-41.							
1. Factories .. No.	9,919	9,121	2,072	2,230	2,056	1,002	27,300
2. Hands employed(a) ..	265,751	237,636	57,269	50,844	22,734	15,839	650,073
3. Wages paid (b) .. £	57,759,532	49,796,607	12,163,763	10,418,901	4,720,563	3,059,702	137,919,068
4. Value of fuel used .. £	9,620,123	5,138,787	1,655,937	1,400,683	1,309,748	597,429	19,722,707
5. „ materials used .. £	161,252,339	115,209,347	46,936,189	25,283,544	11,498,304	6,978,129	367,157,852
6. „ production .. £	115,044,388	89,000,711	21,644,338	16,916,102	9,016,922	6,291,888	257,914,349
7. „ output of fact's. £	285,916,850	209,348,845	70,236,464	43,600,329	21,824,974	13,867,446	644,794,908
8. „ land & buildings .. £	61,886,528	47,092,751	12,594,215	11,480,505	6,802,488	4,237,169	144,093,656
9. „ plant & mchnry. £	68,533,346	44,985,756	18,501,758	14,391,653	7,394,680	7,549,041	161,356,234

1941-42.

1. Factories .. No.	10,166	8,918	2,788	2,167	1,938	994	26,971
2. Hands employed(a) ..	298,245	258,400	61,909	65,252	23,980	17,556	725,342
3. Wages paid (b) .. £	75,757,656	64,363,277	14,476,768	16,234,164	5,499,568	3,720,779	180,052,212
4. Value of fuel used .. £	11,228,813	6,144,579	1,915,087	2,066,010	1,399,228	705,746	23,459,463
5. „ materials used .. £	189,469,148	140,198,887	49,384,624	33,264,628	12,452,275	8,390,918	433,160,480
6. „ production .. £	138,790,351	110,937,614	24,830,339	24,565,855	10,100,531	7,214,338	316,439,028
7. „ output of fact's. £	339,488,312	257,231,080	76,130,050	59,896,493	23,952,034	16,311,002	773,058,971
8. „ land & buildings .. £	65,015,509	50,091,565	13,082,394	16,665,829	7,093,250	4,384,553	156,333,100
9. „ plant & mchnry. £	70,611,613	48,065,805	18,771,893	16,808,122	7,309,560	7,612,799	169,179,792

1942-43.(c)

1. Factories .. No.	10,110	8,738	(d)		2,115	992	(d)
2. Hands employed(a) ..	315,534	263,354			71,000	19,327	
3. Wages paid (b) .. £	88,900,236	73,035,253			19,200,000	4,472,816	
4. Value of fuel used .. £	12,307,663	6,614,447			2,300,000	791,713	
5. „ materials used .. £	207,599,130	149,269,299			37,700,000	9,836,766	
6. „ production .. £	153,582,262	118,919,517	(d)		27,000,000	8,075,451	(d)
7. „ output of fact's. £	373,489,055	274,803,263			67,000,000	18,703,930	
8. „ land & buildings .. £	72,622,902	52,402,799			17,400,000	4,927,195	
9. „ plant & mchnry. £	73,121,771	51,116,855			17,800,000	8,133,330	

(a) Average over whole year; includes working proprietors. (b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors. (c) Subject to revision. (d) Not yet available.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE OF PRODUCTION—AUSTRALIA.

Class of Industry.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
	£	£	£	£
I. Treatment of Non-metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products ..	5,146,151	5,167,331	5,733,723	5,846,992
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, &c. ..	5,571,757	5,544,215	6,154,014	6,191,079
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils and Grease ..	12,456,370	14,154,787	18,395,727	24,828,034
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Implementments and Conveyances ..	62,434,973	67,121,371	85,949,318	119,872,922
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery and Plate ..	931,085	1,034,742	1,274,021	1,315,010
VI. Textiles and Textile Goods ..	10,917,765	14,070,938	17,936,299	20,953,759
VII. Skins and Leather ..	3,182,881	3,807,146	4,465,300	5,156,273
VIII. Clothing ..	16,551,031	17,458,783	19,638,286	23,634,446
IX. Food, Drink and Tobacco ..	41,601,107	45,436,266	48,516,665	53,154,567
X. Woodworking and Basketware ..	9,460,742	10,080,889	11,371,496	12,971,441
XI. Furniture, Bedding, &c. ..	4,200,035	4,183,018	4,648,226	4,863,463
XII. Paper, Stationery, Printing, Book-binding, &c. ..	14,559,073	15,358,198	16,237,985	17,080,273
XIII. Rubber ..	2,761,075	3,089,764	3,055,014	3,861,465
XIV. Musical Instruments ..	136,432	141,324	169,337	190,238
XV. Miscellaneous Products ..	2,097,998	2,432,047	2,788,046	4,009,285
XVI. Heat, Light and Power ..	11,408,135	12,214,334	11,580,892	12,509,781
Total ..	203,416,610	221,295,153	257,914,349	316,439,028

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Percentage of Each Item of Outlay on Value of Total Output, 1941-42.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Wages(a) ..	22.31	25.02	19.02	27.10	22.96	22.81	23.29
Fuel and Light ..	3.31	2.39	2.51	3.45	5.84	4.33	3.04
Materials used ..	55.81	54.49	64.87	55.54	51.99	51.44	56.03
Margin for profits and miscellaneous expenses and charges ..	18.57	18.10	13.60	13.91	19.21	21.42	17.64
Total output	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00
Per cent. of Wages on value of Production ..	54.58	58.02	58.30	66.08	54.45	51.57	56.90

(a) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Amount of Salaries and Wages paid per Employee.(a)

Year.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1938-39—Males ..	239.24	224.47	238.59	220.95	235.49	212.09	231.84
Females ..	103.66	108.25	96.00	86.44	99.53	93.19	103.92
1939-40—Males ..	247.12	233.40	244.01	223.78	240.48	215.82	239.08
Females ..	107.20	113.55	98.71	90.85	99.45	97.41	108.09
1940-41—Males ..	265.35	260.54	249.92	242.30	251.14	229.34	258.77
Females ..	115.79	125.37	102.43	101.13	102.11	107.18	117.65
1941-42—Males ..	309.85	308.76	274.06	292.68	276.88	253.09	301.86
Females ..	134.96	148.57	116.88	134.47	111.89	116.55	138.44

(a) Excludes working proprietors and amounts drawn by them.

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.—Average Number of Males and Females Employed over whole year, 1941-42.

Sex.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
Males ..	216,856	175,691	49,695	49,918	18,834	13,389	524,383
Females ..	81,389	82,709	12,214	15,334	5,146	4,167	200,959
Masculinity(a) ..	266	212	407	326	366	321	261

(a) Number of males per 100 females.

Section III.—Shipping and Commerce.

SHIPPING.—NET TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED.—AUSTRALIA.

Year.	Tonnage Entered.			Tonnage Cleared.		
	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.	With Cargo.	In Ballast.	Total.
1933-34 ..	4,481,616	870,955	5,352,571	4,770,663	640,647	5,411,310
1934-35 ..	4,846,060	1,148,190	5,994,250	5,340,159	554,635	5,894,794
1935-36 ..	5,290,675	947,001	6,237,676	5,598,276	708,608	6,306,884
1936-37 ..	5,440,911	833,279	6,274,190	5,611,826	725,755	6,337,581
1937-38 ..	5,911,146	1,217,258	7,128,404	6,078,499	1,014,559	7,093,058
1938-39 ..	5,964,039	746,960	6,710,999	5,989,521	845,192	6,834,713

NOTE.—Later figures are not available for publication.

OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE TONNAGE OF CARGO—Discharged and Shipped, States.

(,000 omitted.)

NOTE.—Cargo recorded by measurement has been converted to tons on the basis of 40 cubic feet = 1 ton. The figures in the measurement columns are not equivalent to those in the weight columns but are additional.

State or Territory.	Discharged.				Shipped.			
	Interstate.		Oversea.		Interstate.		Oversea.	
	Tons— Weight.	Tons— Measure- ment.	Tons— Weight.	Tons— Measure- ment.	Tons— Weight.	Tons— Measure- ment.	Tons— Weight.	Tons— Measure- ment.
1938-39.								
New South Wales	3,167	676	1,179	1,112	2,736	672	1,679	359
Victoria	2,283	251	1,465	609	867	255	589	270
Queensland	325	398	340	170	817	152	864	64
Western Australia	853	223	497	184	2,630	280	1,171	91
Tasmania	158	175	647	94	55	65	768	175
Northern Territory	285	259	78	13	614	324	67	134
	3	23	2	3	2	2	..	..
Total	7,074	2,003	4,208	2,101	7,221	1,731	5,138	1,093
Total 1937-38	6,909	2,114	4,366	2,280	7,032	1,877	5,731	1,088
„ 1936-37	6,416	1,830	3,656	2,024	6,501	1,597	5,023	933
„ 1935-36	5,241	1,964	3,532	1,949	5,541	1,503	5,214	894
„ 1934-35	5,070	1,656	2,970	1,722	5,244	1,346	5,221	858

NOTE.—Later figures are not available for publication.

OVERSEA SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES FROM AUSTRALIA TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT AT 31st MARCH, 1944.

These rates (except those marked with an asterisk) are subject to a "war-time risk" surcharge of 15 per cent.

(Expressed in sterling and subject to adjustment on account of exchange when freight prepaid in Australia—18 per cent. on refrigerated cargo rates and 25 per cent. on other cargo rates.)

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN, EXCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—

Butter (Refrigerator)	..	..	..	5s. 8d. per box (56 lb.).
Cheese (Refrigerator)	..	..	..	14d. per lb.
Eggs (in shell)	..	..	..	168s. per ton measurement.
Meats, Preserved by Cold Process (Refrigerator)—				
Beef ..	..	..	..	11d. per lb.
Lamb ..	..	..	..	14d. " "
Mutton ..	..	..	..	14d. " "
Rabbits and Hares ..	..	..	..	122s. per ton measurement.
Preserved in tins ..	..	..	..	107s. " " "
Sausage Casings (dried in casks or cases) ..	..	..	..	107s. " " "
Milk and Cream (condensed) ..	..	..	..	107s. " " "
FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN—				
*Sugar (Raw) ..	..	..	..	153s. per ton weight.
Jams ..	..	..	..	85s. per ton measurement.
Jellies ..	..	..	..	107s. " " "
Dried Fruits ..	..	..	..	85s. " " "
Fruits, Fresh—Apples (Refrigerator)	..	..	..	6s. per bushel case.
Oranges (bushel cases)	..	..	..	6s. " " "
*Wheat, Unprepared, Parcels ..	..	..	..	135s. 6d. per ton weight.
*Barley, Unprepared ..	..	..	..	150s. 9d. " " "
*Oats, Unprepared ..	..	..	..	160s. " " "
*Maize, Unprepared ..	..	..	..	149s. " " "
*Flour, Wheaten ..	..	..	..	145s. 6d. " " "
*Bran	104s. " " "
*Pollard	155s. " " "
*Rice (clean, husked)	155s. " " "
WINE	107s. per ton measurement.

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ANIMAL SUBSTANCES (MAINLY MANUFACTURED), NOT FOODSTUFFS—

Hides and Skins—Calf	3d. per lb.
Sheep	1d. per lb.
Rabbit	2½d. " "
Other	2½d. " "
Pearl-shell	107s. per ton measurement.
Wool—Greasy	1½d. per lb.
Tops	2½d. " "

VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES—

Compressed Fodder	..	..	..	..	107s. per ton measurement.
*Bark, Tanning	..	..	..	..	107s. per ton weight.
Copra	..	..	..	..	104s. 3d. per ton measurement.
Sandalwood	..	..	..	..	107s. " " "
Raw Cotton (in bales)	..	..	..	..	1½d. per lb. " " "

Oversea Shipping Freight Rates from Australia to the United Kingdom and Continent at 31st March, 1944—continued.

(40 Cubic Feet = 1 Ton Measurement.)

APPAREL, TEXTILES, AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES—						
Apparel and Attire .. .. .	..	..	..	..	107s.	per ton measurement.
Binder Twine .. .. .	..	..	..	..	187s.	per ton weight.
OILS, FATS, AND WAXES—						
Oils, Eucalyptus .. .. .	..	..	..	..	107s.	per ton measurement.
Other .. .. .	..	..	..	..	120s. 3d.	per ton weight.
Tallow, Unrefined .. .. .	..	..	..	..	120s. 3d.	.. .. .
PAINTS AND VARNISHES .. .. .	..	..	..	..	107s.	per ton measurement.
ORES AND METALS, UNMANUFACTURED OR PARTLY MANUFACTURED—						
Ore (in casks) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	126s.	per ton weight.
*Zinc, Ex Risdon .. .. .	..	..	..	..	56s.	.. .. .
*Other than above .. .. .	..	..	..	..	81s.	.. .. .
Dust (in casks) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	252s.	.. .. .
Sheet (in casks) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	110s.	.. .. .
*Copper .. .. .	..	..	..	..	90s.	.. .. .
*Lead .. .. .	..	..	..	..	81s.	.. .. .
*Steel, Billets (up to 20 ft.) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	111s.	.. .. .
* .. (over 20 and up to 30 ft.) .. .. .	..	..	..	..	127s.	.. .. .
Tyres .. .. .	..	..	..	..	94s. 6d.	.. .. .
Tin, Chippings in Ingot form .. .. .	..	..	..	..	36s. 6d.	.. .. .
RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF, AND SUBSTITUTES THEREFOR—						
Rubber .. .. .	..	..	..	..	96s. 6d.	per ton measurement.
Leather .. .. .	..	..	..	..	234s. 3d.	per ton weight.
WOOD, RAW AND MANUFACTURED—						
Timber, Logs up to 40 ft. lengths .. .. .	..	..	..	..	40s.	per 100 super. feet.
.. over 40 and up to 50 ft. lengths .. .. .	..	..	..	..	43s.	.. .. .
.. over 50 and up to 60 ft. lengths .. .. .	..	..	..	..	46s. 3d.	.. .. .
Sawn, Undressed, up to 30 ft. lengths .. .. .	..	..	..	..	23s. 6d.	.. .. .
EARTHENWARE, CEMENTS, CHINA AND GLASS .. .. .	..	..	..	..	107s.	per ton measurement.
STATIONERY .. .. .	..	..	..	..	107s.	.. .. .
DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS—						
Fertilizers .. .. .	..	..	..	..	107s.	.. .. .
MISCELLANEOUS—						
Soap .. .. .	..	..	..	..	107s.	.. .. .
Casein .. .. .	..	..	..	..	168s. 3d.	.. .. .
SPECIE .. .. .	..	..	..	..	25s.	per cent.

INTERSTATE, NEW ZEALAND AND ISLANDS' SHIPPING FREIGHT RATES, GENERAL CARGO, 31st MARCH, 1944.

(Per Ton Weight or Measurement : 1 Ton Meas. = 40 Cubic Feet.)

To.	From—					
	Brisbane.		Sydney.		Melbourne.	
	Direct.	Trans-shipped.	Direct.	Trans-shipped at Wellington.	Direct.	Trans-shipped at Sydney.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Brisbane .. .. .	..	..	31 0.6	..	40 6.0	..
Sydney	31 0.6	..	29 8.4	..	29 8.4	..
Melbourne	40 6.0	..	40 6.0	..	29 8.4	..
Adelaide	51 3.6	72 4.8	55 10.8	..	49 4.8	..
Fremantle	62 4.8	65 6.0	28 7.2	..	28 7.2	..
Hobart	50 8.4	51 2.4	28 7.2	..	26 0.0	..
Launceston, Devonport, Burnie	44 2.4	..	..	..	..	..
Auckland .. .. .	..	..	46 6.0	..	46 6.0	83 8.0
Wellington .. .. .	..	..	47 6.0	..	47 6.0	84 8.0
Lyttleton .. .. .	..	..	46 6.0	83 0.0	46 6.0	83 8.0
Dunedin .. .. .	..	..	46 6.0	83 0.0	46 6.0	83 8.0
New Hebrides .. .. .	..	..	81 0.0	..	..	116 9.0
Norfolk Island .. .. .	..	..	67 6.0	..	..	103 3.0
Papua	81 0.0	..	81 0.0	..	101 3.0	..

NOTE.—The table above includes the following "war-time risk" surcharges :—30 per cent. in respect of Fremantle, Hobart, Launceston, Devonport and Burnie; 35 per cent. in respect of the remaining ports, excepting New Zealand; 12½ per cent. on 38s. 6d. plus 7½ per cent. in respect of New Zealand ports, plus 35 per cent. on 22s. where transhipped at Sydney.

COMMERCE—VALUE OF DIRECT OVERSEA IMPORTS.

BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.

State or Territory.	1938-39.	1939-40. (a)	1940-41. (a)	1941-42. (a)	1942-43. (a)
	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.
New South Wales	46,347,953	51,443,678	46,032,964		
Victoria	35,455,336	41,908,342	45,529,833		
Queensland	7,955,818	8,755,948	6,388,886		
South Australia	5,851,043	6,717,606	5,461,204	(b)	(b)
Western Australia	5,383,710	5,511,107	4,258,954		
Tasmania	1,133,086	1,272,133	943,521		
Northern Territory	29,406	61,691	84,694		
Total	102,156,352	115,675,505	108,650,056	149,355,797 (c)	212,106,701

VALUE OF DIRECT OVERSEA EXPORTS.(d)

AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.

State or Territory.	1938-39.	1939-40. (a)	1940-41. (a)	1941-42. (a)	1942-43. (a)
	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
New South Wales	45,903,080	53,003,739	49,622,072		
Victoria	30,819,012	36,431,975	36,652,733		
Queensland	28,651,842	32,195,195	25,245,247		
South Australia	14,840,603	15,087,279	13,196,561	(b)	(b)
Western Australia	17,070,499	9,592,321	8,436,435		
Tasmania	3,198,547	2,426,235	1,559,664		
Northern Territory	12,729	12,814	21,865		
Total (e)	140,496,312	148,749,558	134,737,577	159,323,498 (f)	123,052,435 (g)

(a) Excludes gold, silver and bronze. (b) Not available for publication. (c) Complete, includes Governmental imports valued at £stg. 16,094,000 for which Customs entries were not passed. (d) Goods destined for overseas countries are largely transferred from one State to another for transshipment to the overseas country. In this table such goods are shown against the State from which they were finally dispatched. (e) Estimated British currency values are shown below. (f) Complete, includes £A. 12,645,000 exported on Governmental account for which Customs entries were not passed. (g) Excludes £2,500,000 on Governmental account for which Customs entries were not passed.

EXTERNAL TRADE—AUSTRALIA—VALUE OF, AND VALUE PER HEAD OF POPULATION.
 BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.

Year.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.(a)			Value per Head.					
			Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	Total Trade.	Imports.	Exports.			
								Aust. Produce.	Other Produce.	Total.	
	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£ s. d. stg.	£ s. d. stg.	£ s. d. stg.	£ s. d. stg.	£ s. d. stg.	£ s. d. stg.
1938-39	214,357,724	102,156,352	108,183,167	4,013,205	112,201,372	30 18 10	14 11 15	12 4 0	11 7 13	3 11	
1939-40	234,437,627	115,675,505	117,280,891	1,481,231	118,762,122	33 10 2	16 10 8	18 15 3	0 4 8	16 19 6	
1940-41	216,224,968	108,650,056	106,015,055	1,559,857	107,574,912	30 16 9	15 9 11	15 2 5	0 4 5	15 6 10	
1941-42	276,564,178	149,355,797	125,714,550	1,493,881	127,208,381	38 15 0	20 18 6	17 12 4	0 4 2	17 16 6	
1942-43	310,352,157	212,106,701	96,085,180	2,160,276	98,245,456	43 2 3	29 9 3	13 7 0	0 6 0	13 13 0	

(a) Excludes the value of Stores shipped in Australian ports on board overseas ships. The values of Ships' Stores in Australian currency were:—1938-39, £2,105,619; 1939-40, £2,539,848; 1940-41, £3,528,555; 1941-42, £5,791,983; 1942-43, £6,016,334. (b) Excludes gold, silver and bronze.

Year.	Imports.			Exports.			Excess of Exports.		
	Mer- chandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.	Mer- chandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.	Mer- chandise.	Specie and Bullion.	Total.
	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.(a)	£stg.	£stg.(b)	£stg.	£stg.	£stg.
1938-39	99,313,150	2,843,202	102,156,352	97,032,575	15,168,797	112,201,372	— 2,230,575	12,325,595	10,045,020
1939-40	115,675,505	(c)	(c)	118,762,122	(c)	(c)	3,086,617	(c)	(c)
1940-41	108,650,056	(c)	(c)	107,574,912	(c)	(c)	— 1,075,144	(c)	(c)
1941-42	149,355,797	(c)	(c)	127,208,381	(c)	(c)	— 22,147,416	(c)	(c)
1942-43	212,106,701	(c)	(c)	98,245,456	(c)	(c)	— 113,861,245	(c)	(c)

(a) The values in Australian currency were:—1938-39, £121,533,300; 1939-40, £148,749,558; 1940-41, £134,737,577; 1941-42, £159,323,498; and 1942-43, £123,052,435. (b) The values in Australian currency are shown above. (c) Not available for publication.

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes an excess of imports.

CUSTOMS AND EXCISE REVENUE—AUSTRALIA.

Gross Revenue from Customs and Excise under the Sixteen Tariff Divisions and Total Net Revenue collected during the March quarters of 1943 and 1944, the calendar years 1942 and 1943, and the nine months ended March, 1943 and 1944.

Division.	March Quarter.		Year ended December—		Nine Months.	
	1943.	1944.	1942.	1943.	1942-43.	1943-44.
CUSTOMS.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
1. Ale, Spirits, and Beverages ..	181,998	103,402	726,023	608,362	580,431	358,534
2. Tobacco, and Manufactures thereof ..	1,513,901	1,335,967	6,846,014	5,719,184	5,424,792	4,211,856
3. Sugar ..	124	1	17,254	223	161	65
4. Agricultural Products and Groceries ..	207,193	92,004	784,711	704,036	637,747	448,495
5. Textiles, &c., and Attire ..	325,295	251,920	1,985,719	1,077,971	1,144,343	794,083
6. Metals and Machinery ..	262,159	274,077	1,648,939	1,155,872	1,037,578	947,676
7. Oils, Paints and Varnishes ..	1,360,375	2,043,505	6,752,959	6,531,632	4,641,612	5,654,956
8. Earthenware, &c. ..	21,902	23,376	202,003	126,739	111,135	108,767
9. Drugs and Chemicals ..	60,607	34,783	244,499	177,194	197,794	114,056
10. Wood, Wicker and Cane ..	33,019	49,846	109,089	158,354	69,415	144,057
11. Jewellery and Fancy Goods ..	82,019	98,977	347,678	318,946	251,464	257,366
12. Leather and Rubber ..	65,202	85,212	230,336	280,876	154,514	226,690
13. Paper and Stationery ..	12,469	15,312	83,265	87,096	45,218	77,953
14. Vehicles ..	19,886	8,622	257,762	62,017	113,055	31,669
15. Musical Instruments ..	73	184	2,657	226	1,249	253
16. Miscellaneous ..	216,019	131,800	765,085	638,563	560,088	417,322
Primage ..	537,854	657,661	2,833,074	2,380,571	1,858,426	1,949,736
Ships' Stores ..	9,737	7,026	32,626	38,182	26,409	26,649
Other Miscellaneous Receipts ..	41,850	31,287	120,171	121,285	94,345	87,489
Special War Duty ..	218,109	199,225	1,141,154	850,998	790,438	647,064
Total Customs ..	5,169,791	5,444,187	25,126,018	21,038,327	17,740,214	16,504,636
EXCISE.						
Beer ..	5,292,346	5,815,843	16,401,048	21,096,982	14,515,309	16,503,091
Carbonic Acid Gas ..	90,481	92,462	373,042	314,562	265,912	243,118
Cigarette Papers ..	200,684	210,210	843,337	848,113	644,826	652,084
Matches ..	296,118	253,397	841,870	1,273,578	825,473	914,697
Petrol ..	99,077	64,878	629,941	423,632	304,365	290,586
Playing Cards ..	12,200	10,305	21,594	45,969	29,047	33,573
Spirits ..	1,174,345	1,241,226	3,510,636	5,292,790	3,251,957	3,982,428
Tobacco, Cigars, Cigarettes, and Snuff ..	4,114,511	4,161,530	14,697,729	16,960,040	12,859,907	12,836,286
Other Excise, including Licences, &c. ..	66,795	69,680	235,677	252,205	206,724	187,392
Total Excise ..	11,346,557	11,919,531	37,554,874	46,507,871	32,903,520	35,643,255
Total Gross Customs and Excise Collections	16,516,348	17,363,718	62,680,892	67,546,198	50,643,734	52,147,891
Drawbacks and Repayments ..	466,971	264,474	2,106,075	1,684,249	1,557,369	1,010,800
TOTAL NET REVENUE ..	16,049,377	17,099,244	60,574,817	65,861,949	49,086,365	51,137,091

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES IMPORTED INTO AND EXPORTED FROM AUSTRALIA.

Compiled from information supplied by the Department of Trade and Customs.
(Subject to revision.)

IMPORTS (BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES).

Article.	June Quarter.		Year.	
	1942.	1943.	1941-42.	1942-43.
	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.				
Fish—				
Preserved in Tins	103,466	224,917	225,514	525,872
Fresh, Smoked, Potted, &c.	27,262	31,097	133,647	98,005
Meats—				
Preserved in Tins	542	11,700	5,424	16,286
Potted and Concentrated ..	2,790	20,698	10,885	50,096
Sausage Casings	38,425	7,928	345,865	115,075
Other	7,105	..	29,934	1,208
Milk and Cream	1,306	1,651	18,276	6,501
Other Animal Foodstuffs ..	691	1,462	34,967	30,011
Total, Class I.	181,587	299,453	804,512	843,054
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN, ETC.				
Caramel and Cocoa Butter ..	4,063	33	13,781	7,404
Cocoa and Chocolate	64,022	232,246	208,620	501,976
Coffee and Chicory	37,001	185,499	200,047	955,355
Confectionery	1,000	748	4,479	2,393
Fruits—				
Dried, including Dates	102	..	81,819	258
Fresh—				
Bananas .. ..	..	..	4,907	2
Other	142	267	2,260	1,890
Fruits and Vegetables, n.e.i. preserved in liquid	1,043	293	6,111	5,364
Ginger	3,300	13	13,893	1,342
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared	51,639	154,239	198,815	335,214
Prepared—				
Rice	147	439	19,052	518
Other	18,284	1,614	47,638	27,748
Infants' and Invalids' Foods ..	3,859	11,333	21,781	24,087
Liquorice	2,038	5,952	7,843	22,067
Mustard .. ..	..	..	2	..
Nuts, Edible	41,475	52,730	272,152	169,042
Pickles and Sauces	4	..	3,766	19
Sago and Tapioca	663	..	47,038	8
Seeds—Canary, Hemp and Rape ..	1,093	39,896	39,461	99,091
Spices	10,980	12,083	110,976	155,088
Sugar and Sugar Products	37,773	4,819	74,792	19,496
Tea	783,657	446,296	3,919,448	3,971,200
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	11,453	16,419	78,909	48,376
Total, Class II.	1,073,738	1,164,924	5,377,590	6,347,938
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.				
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, Perry ..	7,233	2,214	13,376	21,167
Spirits (Beverages)—				
Brandy .. ..	..	6	104	131
Gin	6,301	560	20,552	11,501
Rum	142	35	2,038	261
Whisky	102,381	9,978	299,780	107,527
Other, including Liqueurs	750	100	7,079	11,391
Wine (Fermented)—				
Sparkling	24	50	169	50
Other	54	12	2,305	66
Total, Class III.	116,885	12,955	345,403	152,094

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	June Quarter.		Year.	
	1942.	1943.	1941-42.	1942-43.
	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Tobacco—				
Manufactured	3,909	62,642	47,021	112,329
Unmanufactured	157,563	408,878	745,874	1,280,181
Cigars	33	113	486	334
Cigarettes	4,205	23,405	33,123	174,464
Snuff	250	27	1,154	27
Total, Class IV. ..	165,960	495,065	827,658	1,567,335
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS ..	631	3,052	32,011	6,313
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.				
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds ..	9,262	335	21,779	17,735
Gut, Natural and Imitation ..	173	..	2,356	2,527
Hair and Fibre	7,413	1,798	167,836	10,782
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse ..	26,359	46,873	154,396	315,507
Sheep	41	506	3,341	810
Other	7,548	27,297	166,581	176,754
Silk, Raw	6,506	..	89,019	13,266
Wool	3,257	24,405	113,996	64,709
Other Animal Substances ..	4,459	3,551	44,908	21,052
Total, Class VI. ..	65,018	104,765	764,212	623,142
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.				
Copra	37,302	19,461	225,563	318,308
Cork and Cork Manufactures ..	9,108	41,065	119,612	148,852
Fibres—				
Cotton, raw	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Kapok	4,256	11,808	171,937	75,610
Other	96,958	87,875	660,166	435,131
Grass or Straw for Hatmaking,				
Furniture, Mats, &c. ..	..	15	21,133	3,910
Gums and Resins	139,641	75,309	584,922	587,561
Pulp for Paper-making ..	339,497	160,444	852,276	588,451
Seeds—				
Gardening and Horticultural	17,442	33,667	40,904	129,594
Linseed	154,234	113,231	595,446	687,213
Other	27,131	71,276	142,378	215,710
Tanning Substances	123,644	54,570	255,327	170,659
Other Vegetable Substances ..	1,016	156	10,773	3,521
Total, Class VII. ..	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL AND ATTIRE.				
Blouses, Skirts, Costumes, &c.				
(other than knitted) ..	9,028	..	39,353	25
Boots and Shoes	7,527	2,112	50,236	21,306
Buttons	18,792	6,880	76,682	34,070
Furs and Skins wholly or partly				
made up, dressed or prepared	2,915	15	42,701	29
Gloves	143,586	55	475,404	38,133
Hats and Caps	11,104	599	114,205	4,333
Knitted Articles of Apparel—				
Blouses, Skirts, Jumpers, &c.	11,561	..	36,897	3,759
Socks and Stockings ..	10,477	..	35,001	3,156
Shirts, Collars, Ties, &c. ..	438	51	3,304	119
Trimmings and Ornaments ..	94,120	96,779	299,288	350,013
Other Apparel and Attire ..	176,320	107,012	770,975	320,467
Total, Class VIII. (a) ..	485,868	213,503	1,944,046	775,410

(a) Not available for publication.

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	June Quarter.		Year.	
	1942.	1943.	1941-42.	1942-43.
CLASS VIII.—(b) TEXTILES.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
Floor Coverings	331,059	5,095	1,801,300	144,810
Cosies, Cushions, D'Oyleys ..	15,836	6,862	55,452	52,437
Handkerchiefs and Serviettes of Cotton or Linen	115,332	45,772	350,851	252,148
Piece Goods—				
Canvas and Duck	198,196	513,412	901,112	1,416,794
Cotton and Linen	1,769,838	1,924,651	7,923,903	8,052,190
Hessian and Jute Piece Goods	533,505	343,545	1,204,182	1,081,089
Lace for Attire, &c. ..	98,269	2,328	310,817	65,059
Silk, including Artificial Silk..	1,701,698	1,029,601	4,107,265	4,152,761
Velvets, Plushes, &c. ..	99,273	15,448	267,473	113,097
Woollens	333,949	30,592	784,410	162,042
Other	293,440	377,867	1,114,032	1,208,453
Quilts, Tablecloths, Sheets, &c.	98,210	50,742	240,124	240,361
Sewing Cottons, Threads, &c. ..	220,138	121,031	693,176	672,394
Towels and Towelling	168,528	43,349	617,849	353,301
Other Textiles	73,071	318,201	475,215	837,175
Total, Class VIII. (b) ..	6,055,342	4,828,496	20,847,161	18,804,111
CLASS VIII.—(c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES AND YARNS.				
Bags and Sacks—				
Bran, Chaff and Fodder	107,718	43,646	194,659	268,458
Corn and Flour	676,764	548,773	2,690,805	2,236,364
Wool-packs	117,949	113,420	504,162	858,405
Other	3,557	55,619	68,886	338,861
Cordage and Twines	133,134	125,403	287,831	415,579
Yarns—				
Artificial Silk	359,898	193,749	1,351,188	1,044,853
Cotton	159,971	192,151	714,825	1,085,182
Wool	8,909	875	51,090	8,355
Other	14,751	10,052	57,242	39,087
Total, Class VIII. (c) ..	1,582,651	1,283,688	5,920,688	6,295,144
Total, Class VIII. ..	8,123,861	6,325,687	28,711,895	25,874,665
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes, &c.	39,350	121,445	395,668	251,491
Linseed Oil	202	..	1,429	92
Olive Oil	2	..	29,685	12
Other Oils				
Total, Class IX. }			Included in Grand Total.	
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES.				
Paints and Colours	135,745	102,294	668,933	440,148
Varnishes, Stains, Lacquers, &c.	2,594	324	19,962	7,285
Total, Class X. ..	138,339	102,618	688,895	447,433
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS.				
Asphalt, Bitumen and Pitch ..	51,878	40,628	201,810	160,215
Stone (including Marble and Slate)—				
Abrasives	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Other Stones	3,223	3,714	15,533	14,481
Other Minerals, &c.	210,185	216,552	655,327	884,549
Total, Class XI. ..	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

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VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	June Quarter.		Year.	
	1942.	1943.	1941-42.	1942-43.
CLASS XII.—(a) MACHINES AND MACHINERY.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
Electrical Machinery, &c.—				
Batteries and Accumulators ..	5,108	20,144	58,229	76,310
Cable and Wire, covered ..	300,468	151,130	1,029,463	1,014,423
Dynamo Electric Machines ..	133,555	109,647	581,024	559,206
Lamps, Filament ..	44,651	12,967	179,467	135,279
Telegraph, Telephone Instruments, &c. ..	48,459	125,491	368,280	400,715
Other ..	392,239	509,819	1,435,279	1,892,797
Machinery—				
Agricultural, Horticultural, &c.	10,302	88,646	33,425	128,747
Dairying ..	11,528	14,086	59,036	33,905
Mining ..	42,648	39,928	180,675	151,033
Motive-power ..	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Printing ..	9,161	5,748	49,888	36,951
Roller Bearings and Ball Bearings	123,547	165,283	588,894	804,392
Machines—				
Sewing ..	90,533	28,856	275,850	278,678
Sheep-shearing ..	11,620	7,490	40,833	30,972
Weighing ..	10,843	7,611	41,455	37,431
Yarn and Textile-making machinery ..	143,245	70,110	574,971	352,270
Other Machines and Machinery	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XII. (a) ..	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
CLASS XII.—(b) METALS AND MANUFACTURES.				
Bolts, Nuts, Rivets, Washers ..	7,212	6,275	34,484	32,197
Leaf and Foil ..	16,283	11,742	115,010	77,270
Nails ..	7,875	15,367	30,544	45,067
Pins, Hooks, Eyes, &c. ..	22,292	12,849	90,067	53,607
Rails, Fishplates, Fishbolts, &c. ..	..	..	1,946	271
Wire ..	20,730	33,616	99,448	154,595
Lamps and Lampware ..	42,047	34,647	180,212	163,160
Platedware and Cutlery ..	172,390	100,479	633,958	426,389
Tools of Trade ..	211,445	258,713	927,715	1,165,262
Cycles and Cycle Parts ..	91,217	48,713	377,272	221,028
Motor Cars, &c.—				
Bodies and Parts ..	374	50,063	4,734	57,019
Chassis and Parts ..	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Motor Cycles, Side Cars, &c. ..	148,502	142,283	301,179	601,116
Other ..	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XII. (b) ..	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XII. ..	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
CLASS XIII.—(a) RUBBER AND MANUFACTURES.				
Crude Rubber, Rubber Waste, Masticated, &c. ..	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Rubber Manufactures—				
Boot and Apparel Elastic, Rubber Thread ..	51,916	3,225	235,499	54,144
Tyres, Pneumatic and Other ..	11,629	111,982	147,746	216,386
Other ..	22,927	5,306	108,881	28,298
Total, Class XIII. (a) ..	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

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VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	June Quarter.		Year	
	1942.	1943.	1941-42.	1942-43.
CLASS XIII.—(b) LEATHER, ETC.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
Leather	18,050	5,898	58,764	28,904
Leather Manufactures, &c. ..	16,140	5,039	73,558	26,121
Total, Class XIII. (b) ..	34,190	10,937	132,322	55,025
Total, Class XIII. ..	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber—				
Dressed	28,874	8,235	82,711	56,491
Undressed	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture ..	18,598	21,991	167,161	87,475
Total, Class XIV. ..	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS AND STONEWARE.				
Crockery and other Household Ware	201,409	44,848	740,709	411,220
Glass and Glassware	157,928	67,817	741,461	333,036
Other Earthenware, Cements, China and Stoneware ..	71,258	23,425	431,323	152,248
Total, Class XV. ..	430,595	136,090	1,913,493	896,504
CLASS XVI.—(a) PAPER.				
Millboards and other boards ..	25,999	11,018	138,487	58,882
Parchment	26,698	9,234	130,872	146,278
Printing	128,479	35,056	1,077,006	116,634
Wrapping	18,971	27,152	241,268	122,392
Writing and Typewriting ..	22,771	48,506	263,079	194,179
Other	138,834	92,095	543,350	360,233
Total, Class XVI. (a) ..	361,752	223,061	2,394,062	998,598
CLASS XVI.—(b) STATIONERY, ETC.				
Books (printed), Directories, &c.	151,709	156,972	779,732	633,674
Price Lists, Circulars, &c. ..	9,562	1,750	27,541	14,015
Paperhangings and Wallpapers ..	6,873	..	66,999	329
Pens and Pencils	30,047	35,583	145,437	109,192
Other Stationery	91,809	69,814	390,422	290,369
Total, Class XVI. (b) ..	290,000	264,119	1,410,131	1,047,579
Total, Class XVI. ..	651,752	487,180	3,804,193	2,046,177
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, ETC.				
Fancy Goods—				
Articles for games	4,224	3,014	33,159	12,555
Toys	3,267	18	72,294	1,875
Other	53,349	10,598	199,872	105,356
Jewellery—				
Precious Stones (Unset)—				
Pearls, Cameos, &c. ..	41,931	63,433	107,381	177,610
Other	15,539	6,593	90,933	15,416
Timepieces, Watches, Clocks, &c.	59,647	42,377	253,287	155,993
Total, Class XVII. ..	177,957	126,033	756,926	468,805

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VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—IMPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	June Quarter.		Year.	
	1942.	1943.	1941-42.	1942-43.
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
Films for Cinematographs, &c...	69,473	110,067	532,653	369,342
Optical and Meteorological Instruments, &c.	39,880	48,437	138,818	238,545
Surgical and Dental Instruments	203,996	198,233	717,835	710,186
Phonographs, &c.	12,341	5,365	42,051	18,912
Other Instruments	80,461	42,817	467,600	217,664
Total, Class XVIII.	406,151	404,919	1,898,957	1,554,649
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS.				
Acids	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Argol . . . . .	..	..	53,961	11,304
Cream of Tartar and Substitutes	297	5	883	529
Drugs, Medicinal Preparations—				
Proprietary Medicines	90,470	110,251	306,575	499,757
Other	85,599	72,823	423,014	284,515
Dyes	108,792	116,473	613,890	512,397
Fertilizers	95,424	94,265	540,333	386,390
Insecticides, Washes and Dips . .	8,588	40,482	158,442	122,026
Oils, Essential (non-spirituous) . .	9,492	23,485	141,942	147,795
Perfumery and Preparations . . .	57,992	8,758	225,341	63,910
Salt	7,225	2,342	36,472	10,389
Spirituous Preparations—				
Essences, Fruit Ethers, Flavours, Juices, Syrups . .	11,045	13,456	23,543	28,905
Other	5,116	12,518	60,828	36,761
Other Drugs and Chemicals . . .	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XIX.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Articles of Celluloid, &c.	43,250	37,630	179,796	203,801
Bags, Baskets, Boxes, &c.	20,639	1,719	119,692	9,373
Brushware—				
Vacuum Cleaners (Household)	398	137	79,870	932
Other	15,256	1,979	62,166	19,081
Goods imported per parcel post	138,348	77,054	630,981	416,049
Musical Instruments, &c.—				
Pianos	1,481	61	7,649	2,255
Player Pianos . . . . .	..	..	154	..
Piano and Player Piano Parts	2,635	4	12,491	625
Other Instruments and Parts	7,773	1,663	34,142	7,272
Oilmen's Stores	7,581	2,227	38,870	7,424
Soap	4,503	1,924	35,938	9,487
All other Articles	} Included in Grand Total.			
Total, Class XX.				
Grand Total—MERCHANDISE . . .	37,193,864	56,445,339	149,355,797	212,106,701

ESTIMATED AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES.

	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Grand Total—MERCHANDISE . . .	46,585,315	70,697,787	187,068,136	265,663,643

NOTE.—Class XXI. is not available for publication.

(a) Not available for publication.

(b) See note (c) on page 15.

EXPORTS (AUSTRALIAN CURRENCY VALUES).

Article.	June Quarter.		Year.	
	1942.	1943.	1941-42.	1942-43.
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Butter	1,682,577	1,075,009	8,124,975	8,085,660
Butter Fat (dry) .. .. .	..	51,832	..	482,645
Butter Substitutes	147,300	38,369	727,497	256,419
Cheese	289,868	180,172	1,428,118	1,225,184
Eggs	172,963	62,603	1,165,442	384,731
Meats—				
Bacon and Hams	25,452	36,126	395,031	205,627
Mutton, Dehydrated .. .. .	..	186,658	..	287,078
Potted or Concentrated	25,853	18,599	110,533	150,085
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	150,360	107,906	2,498,416	560,745
Lamb	332,034	640,269	4,498,081	5,182,558
Mutton	16,582	123,506	172,712	313,328
Pork	103,608	28,370	1,107,929	85,885
Rabbits and Hares	999	6,565	8,901	12,917
Preserved in Tins	993,069	726,258	4,550,344	3,238,306
Sausage Casings	104,347	71,926	445,469	412,484
Other	54,131	109,875	307,551	447,492
Milk and Cream	283,026	322,400	2,059,724	1,858,137
Other Animal Foodstuffs	22,943	46,097	380,081	256,098
Total, Class I.	4,405,112	3,832,540	27,980,804	23,445,379
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN.				
Aerated Waters, Cocoa, Coffee and Chicory, Fruit Juices, &c.	32,728	108,750	293,289	468,602
Biscuits	203,396	170,416	709,916	1,215,065
Confectionery	14,654	54,221	231,703	206,287
Fodders	12,266	19,016	62,478	63,124
Fruits, Dried—				
Currants	211,338	111,607	462,665	358,039
Raisins	683,639	462,663	1,958,522	1,813,713
Other	23,548	37,568	175,736	105,265
Fruits, Fresh—				
Apples	1,283	10,843	41,699	19,024
Citrus	19,524	32,722	191,141	165,830
Other	397	320	6,079	6,275
Fruits, preserved in liquid	56,817	56,562	909,036	289,625
Fruits and Vegetables, pulped	121,454	3,842	212,278	31,979
Grain and Pulse—				
Unprepared—				
Barley	211	14,705	171,690	63,846
Wheat	2,811,636	768,316	4,644,793	4,884,310
Other	13,218	13,304	60,383	84,391
Prepared—				
Bran, Pollard and Sharps	30,761	21,779	87,612	70,341
Flour (Wheaten)	660,121	960,391	4,191,382	3,494,440
Rice	52,626	43,163	239,002	265,958
Other	56,496	84,512	454,767	271,276
Infants' and Invalids' Foods	904	1,713	30,585	8,896
Jams and Fruit Jellies	36,826	103,735	960,937	498,097
Sugar	436,934	200,344	2,636,430	1,001,353
Tea	12,346	4,700	114,735	81,268
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	153,977	220,979	986,452	876,818
Total, Class II.	5,647,100	3,506,171	19,833,310	16,343,822

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	June Quarter.		Year.	
	1942.	1943.	1941-42.	1942-43.
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Ale, Beer, Porter, Cider, Perry ..	171,737	115,402	1,539,650	633,307
Spirits (Beverages)	103,543	96,893	608,495	390,339
Wine	124,710	73,439	497,864	297,043
Total, Class III. ..	399,990	285,734	2,646,009	1,320,689
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO.				
Cigars, Cigarettes and Snuff ..	63,030	60,612	389,524	238,396
Tobacco	47,997	97,196	451,724	438,210
Total, Class IV. ..	111,027	157,808	841,248	676,606
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.				
Cattle .. ..	..	1,925	1,275	7,848
Horses	1,925	3,515	49,247	38,356
Sheep	290	3,208	54,211	9,095
Other Animals	3,492	111	9,439	1,458
Total, Class V. ..	5,707	8,759	114,172	56,757
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES.				
Bêche-de-mer .. ..	..	..	4,720	..
Gelatine and Glue of all kinds ..	7,666	13,044	127,672	71,299
Hides and Skins—				
Calf, Cattle and Horse ..	24,673	12,700	104,021	56,587
Fox	9,620	27,368	131,338	89,946
Kangaroo and Wallaby ..	20,870	17,674	178,458	171,698
Opossum	727	630	45,005	13,638
Rabbit	745,906	1,082,734	3,368,644	1,986,198
Sheep	1,222,524	486,492	2,140,613	1,386,418
Other	3,225	6,295	18,828	11,894
Pearl-shell	26,303	..	252,822	7,525
Trochus-shell	18,459	23,164	45,746	36,791
Wool—				
Greasy	18,227,378	9,767,121	47,831,780	37,694,261
Scoured and Tops ..	4,504,063	1,777,958	10,209,333	6,623,927
Other Animal Substances ..	8,239	6,414	64,131	18,778
Total, Class VI. ..	24,819,653	13,221,594	64,523,111	48,168,960
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES.				
Copra .. ..	..	..	11,535	..
Fibres—				
Cotton, raw	320	..	4,361	..
Other	75,242	74,292	239,921	358,138
Sandalwood .. ..	..	..	23,272	80
Seeds	29,096	63,399	103,824	121,211
Tanning Substances ..	4,133	19,674	58,827	31,284
Other Vegetable Substances ..	15,499	5,742	69,744	32,053
Total, Class VII. ..	124,290	163,107	511,484	542,766

VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	June Quarter.		Year.	
	1942.	1943.	1941-42.	1942-43.
CLASS VIII.—(a) APPAREL AND ATTIRE; (b) TEXTILES; (c) MANUFACTURED FIBRES.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Boots and Shoes	147,060	14,115	527,274	36,949
Other Apparel and Attire ..	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Piece Goods	95,007	41,796	458,208	192,889
Other Textiles	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Manufactured Fibres, including Bags, Cordage and Yarns ..	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class VIII. ..	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES.				
Fats and Waxes	74,840	36,116	216,035	159,368
Tallow, unrefined	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Other	182,425	644,692	600,822	1,837,768
Total, Class IX. ..	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
CLASS X.—PAINTS AND VARNISHES.	29,270	31,725	209,137	184,390
CLASS XI.—STONES AND MINERALS.	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY.				
(a) <i>Machines and Machinery</i> ..	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
(b) <i>Metals and Manufactures</i> ..	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XII. ..	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER.				
Rubber and Manufactures ..	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Leather	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Leather Manufactures, &c. ..	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
Total, Class XIII. ..	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER.				
Timber	168,978	89,654	722,525	425,363
Wood and Wicker Manufactures, including Furniture ..	45,775	8,619	197,396	54,427
Total, Class XIV. ..	214,753	98,273	919,921	479,790
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, GLASS AND STONEWARE.	59,758	37,154	352,465	163,976
CLASS XVI.—PAPER, ETC.				
Paper	19,033	35,660	150,611	240,701
Stationery	47,412	49,493	294,089	235,873
Total, Class XVI. ..	66,445	85,153	444,700	476,574

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VALUE OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES, ETC.—EXPORTS—*continued.*

Article.	June Quarter.		Year.	
	1942.	1943.	1941-42.	1942-43.
CLASS XVII.—JEWELLERY, TIME-PIECES AND FANCY GOODS.	£A.	£A.	£A.	£A.
Precious Stones, unset, Pearls, Cameos, &c.	4,423	1,817	55,735	7,252
Other Jewellery, Timepieces, &c.	8,528	7,660	89,916	32,206
Total, Class XVII.	12,951	9,477	145,651	39,458
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS.				
Films for Cinematographs, &c.	17,834	13,025	113,241	58,253
Photographic Goods, &c.	16,698	9,215	81,326	59,712
Talking Machines, &c.	5,680	9,339	26,732	39,352
Other Instruments	22,595	54,188	85,492	225,134
Total, Class XVIII.	62,807	85,767	306,791	382,451
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, CHEMICALS, AND FERTILIZERS.				
Casein	3,500	334	10,553	4,294
Fertilizers	7,015	10,043	16,937	22,700
Medicines	47,824	43,615	263,937	197,509
Oils—				
Essential (non-spirituous), n.e.i.	11,395	1,823	47,324	16,962
Eucalyptus	44,517	31,590	208,282	94,050
Perfumery and Preparations	78,978	37,355	388,178	271,935
Other Drugs and Chemicals	128,376	151,353	579,455	498,554
Total, Class XIX.	321,605	276,113	1,514,666	1,106,004
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS.				
Miscellaneous Articles to Pacific Islands	4,643	4,752	110,007	21,502
Oilmen's Stores	38,055	65,718	241,611	330,151
Personal and Household Effects	14,850	15,062	96,626	53,578
Soap	57,491	52,290	247,370	177,264
Goods Exported per parcel post	3,108	3,208	27,919	11,812
All other Articles				
Total, Class XX.	Included in Grand Total.			
Total { Australian Produce	42,986,799	29,118,334	157,457,475	120,346,689
{ Other Produce	272,204	776,008	1,871,023	2,705,746
GRAND TOTAL—MERCHANDISE	43,259,003	29,894,342	159,328,498 (a)	123,052,435 (a)

ESTIMATED BRITISH CURRENCY VALUES.

	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.	£ Stg.
GRAND TOTAL—Merchandise	34,538,126	23,867,738	127,208,381	98,245,456

NOTE.—Class XXI. is not available for publication.

(a) See notes (f) and (g) on page 15.

Section IV.—Finance.

(A.) COMMONWEALTH FINANCE.

COMMONWEALTH CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUND.

Receipts.

Sources of Revenue.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
	£	£	£	£	£
TAXATION—					
Customs	31,160,462	34,830,306	29,409,666	25,208,806	20,806,321
Excise	16,471,903	18,994,600	24,370,117	31,572,002	44,071,799
Sales Tax	9,308,334	12,196,175	19,792,680	26,830,085	28,846,255
Flour Tax	1,808,972	2,486,070	1,498,595	1,651,717	1,708,543
Land Tax	1,489,436	1,645,829	3,190,822	3,691,184	3,878,115
Income Tax (a)	11,882,440	16,430,313	43,305,239	77,563,926	141,027,271
Pay-roll Tax .. .. .	..	..	..	8,962,464	10,450,667
Gold Tax .. .. .	..	1,214,621	1,452,260	1,030,425	524,694
Estate Duty	1,915,352	2,212,690	2,364,133	2,845,005	2,696,000
Entertainments Tax .. .. .	..	59	10	..	2,994,426
Gift Duty .. .. .	..	..	..	79,731	144,429
Total Taxation	74,036,899	90,010,663	125,383,522	179,435,345	257,143,520
BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS—					
Postmaster-General's Department	17,366,311	17,897,469	19,075,541	21,639,364	24,390,908
Railways—					
Trans-Australian	330,643	368,218	462,344	694,228	1,226,364
Central Australia	137,521	146,921	243,701	742,143	1,584,537
North Australia	50,471	60,797	185,808	305,448	791,555
Australian Capital Territory	7,275	11,736	8,040	5,277	15,036
Total Railways	525,910	587,672	899,893	1,747,096	3,617,492
Total Business Undertakings	17,892,221	18,485,141	19,975,434	23,386,460	28,008,400
TERRITORIES	355,401	415,412	506,864	491,969	447,229
OTHER REVENUE—					
Interest (b)	1,144,014	1,150,102	1,186,194	997,516	1,080,840
Coinage	127,764	180,458	752,471	867,889	2,588,787
Defence	151,203	166,880	303,640	834,800	1,489,934
Civil Aviation	5,745	11,171	137,951	185,355	401,144
Health	13,204	15,740	14,338	113,922	14,236
Patents, Trade Marks, Copyrights	67,914	61,982	57,150	55,037	58,075
Bankruptcy	30,770	35,817	32,318	24,877	23,500
Commerce and Marine—					
Wool levy (c)	74,396	84,361	84,279	85,934	81,783
Other	158,137	147,315	136,706	169,578	358,766
Net Profit, Note Issue	766,730	985,993	1,461,839	1,658,141	2,247,702
Balance of Trust Accounts .. .. .	..	..	31,476	1,600,459	218,000
Other	235,387	162,740	418,124	133,687	297,240
Total	2,780,269	3,002,568	4,616,486	6,727,195	8,860,007
Grand Total	95,064,790	111,913,784	150,482,306	210,040,969	294,459,156
PER HEAD (d)—					
Taxation	£ s. d. 10 13 10	£ s. d. 12 17 4	£ s. d. 17 14 9	£ s. d. 25 2 10	£ s. d. 35 14 5
Business Undertakings	2 11 8	2 12 10	2 16 6	3 5 6	3 17 10
Other	0 9 0	0 9 9	0 14 7	1 0 3	1 5 10
Total	13 14 6	15 19 11	21 5 10	29 8 7	40 18 1

(a) Includes War-time (Company) Tax.

(b) Excludes balance of interest on States' debts (payable by States).

(c) For Publicity and Research.

(d) Based on mean population of each financial year.

Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund—Expenditure.

Departments, &c.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
War and Repatriation (1914-19) Services—	£	£	£	£	£
Interest, Sinking Fund and Exchange ..	9,664,917	9,600,065	9,568,676	9,681,977	9,384,142
War Pensions	8,227,487	8,147,076	8,041,798	7,908,788	8,346,111
Repatriation	993,872	922,527	845,283	829,355	850,190
Other	370,536	164,874	146,873	198,182	141,056
Total, War, &c.	19,256,812	18,834,542	18,602,630	18,618,302	18,721,499
Defence and War (1939-43) Services—					
War (1939-43) Services .. ..	..	15,315,993			
Army (including Co-ordination) ..	3,824,650	3,770,504			
Navy	2,755,085	3,005,000			
Air	1,384,971	2,043,839			
Supply and Development (including Munitions and Aircraft Production) ..	596,653	748,415			
Total Cost of Departments—			65,680,917	109,233,539	159,478,192
Governor-General	32,765	30,787	30,587	30,705	29,383
Parliament	444,873	449,876	547,602	473,163	487,319
Prime Minister	1,355,842	1,509,582	1,282,799	1,350,017	1,384,095
External Affairs	70,168	117,782	141,751	199,642	215,490
Treasury	2,257,628	2,485,450	2,425,259	2,948,933	3,563,826
Attorney-General	281,497	276,557	297,400	319,171	351,452
Interior	1,275,392	1,257,593	962,999	954,847	916,890
Civil Aviation	328,150	494,060	392,033	337,165	349,671
Trade and Customs	1,064,124	1,032,890	963,269	956,081	872,509
Health	338,155	289,174	295,932	299,856	385,560
Commerce and Agriculture	994,095	954,210	910,621	975,924	1,021,955
Social Services	324,734	177,901	161,786	281,742	393,490
Supply and Shipping	214,832	216,741	229,311	240,716	246,405
Business Undertakings—					
Postmaster-General	15,028,233	15,285,709	15,876,594	17,527,865	19,938,502
Railways	1,351,041	1,472,521	1,507,850	1,995,577	2,726,187
Territories—					
Australian Capital Territory	637,228	656,078	679,160	698,072	676,909
Northern Territory	402,899	382,804	462,170	520,021	328,842
Papua	48,830	48,610	85,703	38,839	4,682
New Guinea	5,532	5,988	7,162	17,048	2,144
Norfolk Island	5,471	4,071	4,071	5,666	5,073
Total, Territories	1,090,960	1,097,551	1,238,266	1,279,646	1,017,650
New Works	6,565,268	6,536,445	6,521,764	6,305,344	6,960,954
Invalid and Old-age Pensions	15,991,782	16,459,245	17,366,365	19,257,025	22,292,835
Child Endowment .. .. .	..	..	..	11,302,863	11,659,626
Widows' Pensions .. .. .	..	..	..	..	2,358,998
Maternity Allowances	436,614	416,964	407,533	358,538	281,052
Payments to or for States—					
Interest on States' Debts	7,584,912	7,584,912	7,584,912	7,584,912	7,584,912
Sinking Fund on States' Debts	1,477,976	1,536,055	1,556,749	1,579,797	1,587,798
Special Grants	2,020,000	2,020,000	2,050,000	2,300,000	2,175,000
Grants for Federal Aid Roads	4,266,556	4,455,845	3,484,748	2,128,344	1,603,342
Income Tax Reimbursement .. .. .	..	..	..	..	26,431,542
Entertainments Tax Reimbursement ..	..	..	..	..	574,341
Other Grants	300,000	100,000	250,000	138,100	140,138
Total to or for States (b)	15,649,444	15,696,812	14,926,409	13,731,153	40,097,073
Relief to Primary Producers	2,014,713	2,509,266	3,022,624	4,063,155	(c) 1,708,546
Grand Total (d)	94,437,481	108,985,409	150,482,306	210,040,969	294,459,153
Per head of Population (e)	£13 12 8	£15 11 9	£21 5 10	£29 8 7	£40 18 1

(a) Excludes Defence and War (1939-43) Services. (b) Excludes balance of interest payable on States' Debt (recoverable from States). (c) In addition, £3,084,817 was provided under War Services. (d) Excludes expenditure from excess receipts (see table below). (e) Based on mean population for each financial year.

Commonwealth Consolidated Revenue Fund—Excess Receipts.

Particulars.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
	£	£	£	£	£
Accumulated balance	3,494,733	627,309	2,928,375	..	..
Excess Receipts	627,309	2,928,375	..	..	..
Total for year	4,122,042	3,555,684	2,928,375	..	..
Expenditure from Excess Receipts—					
Grants to States .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Special Defence Provision	3,494,733	627,309	2,928,375	..	..
Post Office Works Provision .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Reduction of deficit .. .. .	..	..	..	..	..
Total	3,494,733	627,309	2,928,375	..	..
Accumulated balance	627,309	2,928,375	..	..	..

Commonwealth Expenditure from General Loan Fund.

Particulars.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.	Total to 30th June, 1943.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Defence and War (1939-43) Services— General Services, Works, &c. ..	..	28,814,046	101,581,230	210,876,328	402,852,114	744,123,718
Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c.—						
Defence Buildings, Works, Sites ..	1,912,284	..	..	..	..	8,693,948
Civil Aviation, Buildings and Works ..	..	..	..	..	..	214,291
Ships, Yards and Docks ..	Cr. 305,351	Cr. 14,016	Cr. 2,859	..	..	7,863,028
Lighthouses, Works and Services ..	Cr. 1,000	Cr. 1,000	Cr. 1,000	Cr. 1,000	Cr. 1,000	635,490
River Murray Waters Act ..	..	..	..	..	..	2,105,625
Postmaster-General's Department—						
Telegraph and Telephone Con- struction ..	..	1,733,113	1,639,329	939,918	..	36,057,558
Buildings, Works, Sites, &c. ..	Cr. 1,290	120,950	220,382	244,940	Cr. 160	4,079,583
Subscription to Capital of Amalga- mated Wireless Ltd. ..	..	..	..	..	..	300,000
Radio Stations and Equipment ..	..	29,509	3,711	15,082	..	104,538
Serum and Health Laboratories ..	..	..	..	..	..	80,149
Other Health Buildings and Services ..	..	..	..	Cr. 1,100	..	21,864
Repatriation Buildings, &c. ..	..	..	..	..	..	47,026
War Service Homes (a) ..	..	..	..	..	..	7,329,523
Railways ..	Cr. 339	Cr. 286	Cr. 2,240	Cr. 17,656	Cr. 34,746	13,824,282
Territories ..	Cr. 6,768	Cr. 10,783	Cr. 4,321	Cr. 7,406	Cr. 5,111	8,818,077
Other ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,061,928
Assistance to States—						
Unemployment Relief ..	Cr. 3,322	Cr. 65,844	Cr. 45,284	Cr. 5,773	Cr. 6,043	2,443,561
Mining ..	..	..	..	..	..	283,750
Forestry ..	..	..	..	..	..	322,000
Farmers' Debt Adjustment ..	2,000,000	750,000	500,000	165,000	235,000	7,967,000
Roads ..	..	..	..	..	..	249,686
Wire and Wire Netting ..	..	..	..	..	..	608,349
Drought Relief ..	..	..	1,270,000	597,000	Cr. 22,795	1,844,205
Wheat Bounty ..	..	..	..	..	..	3,429,571
Total Additions, New Works, Buildings, &c. ..	3,593,714	2,540,743	3,028,218	1,929,005	165,145	110,385,532
GRAND TOTAL ..	3,593,714	31,354,789	105,209,448	212,805,333	403,017,259	854,509,250

(a) In addition, £13,045,408 was expended from War Loan Fund prior to 1923-24.

(b) Includes Administration and other Public Buildings.

Loans Raised in Australia during War (1939-43) at 31st March, 1944.

(Excludes Conversion Loans.)

Period of Raising.	Amount Invited.	Number of Subscribers.	Amount Subscribed.		Rates of Interest.	Years of Maturity.
			For War.	For other Purposes.		
1/12/39 ..	£'000. 12,000	C'with. Bank	£'000. 2,000	£'000. 10,000	% 3½	1942, 1943, 1944
1/3/40 to 15/3/40 ..	18,000	14,339	7,676	10,489	3½, 3½	1945, 1950-56
29/5/40 to 14/6/40 ..	20,000	32,792	20,582	..	2½, 3½	1945, 1950-56
28/11/40 to 14/12/40 ..	28,000	21,830	20,505	8,000	2½, 3½	1945, 1950-56
30/4/41 to 19/5/41 ..	35,000	57,217	27,871	8,000	2½, 3½	1946, 1950-56
7/10/41 to 15/11/41 ..	30,000	83,379	34,158	..	2½, 3½	1945-46, 1950-57
17/2/42 to 10/3/42 ..	35,000	244,595	48,332	..	2½, 3½	1945-46, 1950-58
2/6/42 to 23/6/42 ..	35,000	196,541	37,375	..	2½, 3½	1946-47, 1950-58
3/11/42 to 15/12/42 ..	77,300	455,688	82,686	..	2½, 3½	1946-47, 1950-58
16/3/43 to 20/4/43 ..	100,000	433,365	101,822	..	2½, 3½	1947-48, 1950-59
5/10/43 to 9/11/43 ..	125,000	567,939	126,416	..	2½, 3½	1947-48, 1950-59
28/3/44 to 9/5/44 ..	150,000	(a)440,000	(a)150,250	..	2½, 3½	1948-49, 1950-60
Total ..	665,300	2,547,685	b)659,673	36,489	..	..

(a) Not final. (b) In addition, £3,652,566 raised for Defence purposes prior to 3rd September, 1939, was used for War purposes.

NOTE.—For a summary of loan liability, War (1939-43), as at 31st March, 1944, see following table.

**COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT, AND INTEREST PAYABLE
AT 31st MARCH, 1944.**

Debt on Account of—	Australia.	London.	New York.	Total.
Commonwealth—	£(Aust.)	£(Stg.)	£(a)	£(b)
War (1914-19)	165,546,223	90,744,381	..	256,290,604
War (1939-43)—				
Stock and Bonds ..	520,828,505	5,775,000	..	526,603,505
Advance Loan Subscriptions	35,106,470	..	..	35,106,470
National Savings Bonds ..	1,785,520	..	..	1,785,520
National Savings Stamps ..	70,241	..	..	70,241
Citizens' National Emergency Loans ..	6,036,288	353,500	..	6,389,788
War Savings Certificates ..	41,773,726	..	..	41,773,726
War Savings Stamps ..	465,228	..	..	465,228
Treasury Bills, Internal ..	17,396,000	..	..	17,396,000
Treasury Bills, Public ..	403,280,000	..	..	403,280,000
Total	1,026,741,978	6,128,500	..	1,032,870,478
Works and other Purposes	36,498,599	64,362,290	15,790,414	116,651,303
Total—Commonwealth Purposes	1,228,786,800	161,235,171	15,790,414	1,405,812,385
Per Head of Population(c) ..	£169 11 4	£22 5 0	£2 3 7	£193 19 11
State—				
Debts of the States ..	494,232,041	373,518,888	25,514,014	893,264,943
Per Head of Population(c) ..	£68 8 2	£51 14 0	£3 10 8	£123 12 10
Total Public Debt ..	1,723,018,841	534,754,059	41,304,428	2,299,077,328
Per Head of Population(c) ..	£237 15 5	£73 15 10	£5 14 0	£317 5 3

INTEREST PAYABLE.

Commonwealth—	£(Aust.)	£(Stg.)	£(a)	£(d)
War (1914-19)	6,360,487	(e)426,008	..	6,786,495
War (1939-43)	23,935,904	231,000	..	24,166,904
Works and other Purposes	1,040,812	2,620,097	771,780	4,432,689
Total—Commonwealth Purposes	31,337,203	3,277,105	771,780	35,386,088
Average Rate per cent. (f)	£2 11 3	£4 0 9	£4 17 9	£2 13 8
State—				
Debts of the States ..	16,727,338	14,390,025	1,267,858	32,385,221
Average Rate per cent. ..	£3 7 8	£3 17 1	£4 19 5	£3 12 6
Grand Total	48,064,541	17,667,130	2,039,638	67,771,309
Average Rate per cent.(f) ..	£2 16 0	£3 17 9	£4 18 9	£3 1 3

(a) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purpose of this table, dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1 (Stg.).

(b) The total "face" or "book" values of the Public Debt of the Commonwealth and States leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated.

(c) Based on estimated aggregate population of Australia (including A.C.T. and N.T.) and of the six States at 30th September, 1943.

(d) Nominal amount (and average rate) of interest payable—takes no account of exchange.

(e) Excludes suspended interest £3,919,774 on War Debt (£79,724,220) due to British Government.

(f) Interest Free Loans excluded when calculating rate.

AVERAGE VALUE OF AUSTRALIAN NOTES HELD BY THE BANKS AND BY THE PUBLIC.

Particulars.	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total Note Issue.	Reserve.	
				Amount. (a)	Percentage on total circulation.
	£	£	£	£'000.	%
1939 (b)	14,403,326	35,186,843	49,590,169	16,030	32.4
1940 (b)	13,927,376	44,444,954	58,372,330	16,269	28.1
1941 (b)	14,318,069	55,069,055	69,387,124	18,559	26.8
1942 (b)	14,879,107	88,189,429	103,068,536	26,777	25.9
1943 (b)	15,456,884	126,935,667	142,392,551	36,518	25.7
1943 (c)—October ..	15,764,452	139,497,616	155,262,068	40,231	25.9
November ..	18,073,452	137,938,616	156,012,068	40,543	26.0
December ..	13,760,775	150,001,293	163,762,068	41,793	25.5
1944 (c)—January ..	14,449,427	148,812,641	163,262,068	41,793	25.6
February ..	15,756,895	152,255,173	168,012,068	43,043	25.6
March ..	15,582,875	161,179,193	176,762,068	45,543	25.8

(a) Includes English sterling.
Monday in each month.

(b) Average of twelve monthly statements.

(c) On last

COMMONWEALTH NOTES OUTSTANDING AT UNDERMENTIONED DATES.

Denomination.	25th March, 1940.	31st March, 1941.	30th March, 1942.	29th March, 1943.	27th March, 1944.
	£	£	£	£	£
10s.	4,502,807	4,736,149	5,382,395	6,460,207	7,617,411
£1	24,075,913	27,099,280	37,565,858	48,281,381	57,686,192
£5	13,502,235	17,409,485	29,726,255	47,591,800	64,624,495
£10	6,316,970	8,425,210	12,889,120	20,587,430	38,098,640
£20	92,640	75,220	65,060	58,700	51,280
£50	1,528,850	1,972,200	2,639,750	3,266,750	3,497,150
£100	2,575,800	3,006,900	3,801,000	4,702,100	4,648,900
£1,000	1,430,000	395,000	294,000	408,000	538,000
Held by banks ..	11,346,941	13,866,954	14,497,855	15,499,063	15,582,875
„ public ..	42,678,274	49,252,490	77,866,183	115,857,305	161,179,193
Total ..	54,025,215	63,119,444	92,364,038	131,356,368	176,762,068
Reserve (a)	Gold ..	393,136	74,863	74,133	73,780
	English ..	15,688,392	17,630,183	24,880,183	33,817,683
	Sterling ..	16,081,528	17,705,046	24,954,316	33,891,463
	Total ..	16,081,528	17,705,046	24,954,316	33,891,463
Percentage on circulation	29.77	28.05	27.02	25.80	25.77

(a) Valued in Australian currency.

OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1943.

State.	Number of Pensioners at 30th June, 1943.			Number per 10,000 of Population.		Average Fortnightly Pension at 30th June, 1943.		Pensions paid during 1942-43. (a)	
	Old-age.	Invalid.	Total Old-age and Invalid.	Old-age.	Inva- lid.	Old-age.	Inva- lid.	Amount.	Per head of Popn. (b)
	No.	No.	No.			s. d.	s. d.	£	s. d.
New South Wales (c)	108,281	26,801	135,082	377	93	51 1	52 1	9,249,594	64 9
Victoria ..	72,102	11,938	84,040	364	60	51 1	51 8	5,715,065	57 11
Queensland ..	34,834	8,815	43,649	333	84	51 3	51 11	3,153,834	60 9
South Australia (d)	23,125	4,298	27,423	372	69	50 0	51 0	1,814,185	58 8
Western Australia	18,575	3,580	22,155	393	76	50 7	51 8	1,489,272	63 4
Tasmania ..	10,322	2,649	12,971	427	109	50 7	51 5	870,885	72 4
Total ..	267,239	58,081	325,320	369	80	50 11	51 10	22,292,835	61 11

(a) Includes amounts paid to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners and to pensioner inmates of these institutions. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year.

(c) Includes A.C.T.

(d) Includes N.T.

OLD-AGE AND INVALID PENSIONS SUMMARY.

Year ended 30th June—	Number of Pensioners.			Number of Pensioners in each 10,000 of Population.(a)		Pensions Payments during Year. (b)	Average Fortnightly Pension. (a)
	Old-age.	Invalid.	Total.	Old-age.	Invalid.		
	No.	No.	No.			£	s. d.
1911 ..	75,502	7,451	82,953	168	17	1,847,440	19 1
1912 ..	79,071	10,763	89,834	170	23	2,149,659	19 0
1913 ..	82,943	13,739	96,682	172	29	2,301,675	19 6
1914 ..	87,780	16,865	104,645	177	34	2,592,201	19 5
1915 ..	90,892	20,417	111,309	182	41	2,718,939	19 5
1916 ..	91,783	23,439	115,222	186	47	2,891,597	19 4
1917 ..	93,672	26,781	120,453	190	54	3,554,135	24 3
1918 ..	95,387	29,912	125,299	190	59	3,793,037	24 3
1919 ..	95,989	31,999	127,988	185	62	3,936,626	24 2
1920 ..	99,170	35,231	134,401	185	66	4,484,304	29 1
1921 ..	102,415	37,981	140,396	188	69	5,150,241	28 9
1922 ..	105,096	39,019	144,115	189	70	5,880,034	28 9
1923 ..	107,389	40,064	147,453	189	70	5,424,016	28 9
1924 ..	113,054	42,617	155,671	195	73	6,523,881	33 9
1925 ..	117,516	44,840	162,356	198	75	6,992,905	33 8
1926 ..	126,918	48,803	175,721	210	80	8,252,387	33 7
1927 ..	133,234	52,399	185,633	215	85	9,144,589	33 6
1928 ..	139,397	55,517	194,834	221	88	9,790,346	33 5
1929 ..	145,393	59,148	204,541	227	93	10,124,239	33 5
1930 ..	155,196	63,304	218,500	240	98	10,791,325	33 5
1931 ..	172,177	68,343	240,520	264	104	11,710,953	33 4
1932 ..	183,317	72,292	255,609	279	110	11,125,956	33 3
1933 ..	176,425	72,742	249,167	266	110	10,771,061	31 10
1934 ..	187,453	75,212	260,665	281	109	10,963,090	33 8
1935 ..	197,126	76,852	273,978	293	114	11,762,030	33 7
1936 ..	206,748	80,487	287,235	305	119	12,797,726	34 8
1937 ..	215,990	83,396	299,086	316	122	13,998,793	36 8
1938 ..	224,154	86,006	310,250	325	125	15,798,687	38 6
1939 ..	232,836	88,812	321,648	335	128	15,991,782	38 6
1940(d) ..	272,896	58,696	331,592	388	84	16,459,245	38 6
1941 ..	276,760	58,921	335,681	390	83	17,366,365	(c) 41 5
1942 ..	275,456	60,597	336,053	386	85	19,257,025	(c) 48 4
1943 ..	267,239	58,081	325,320	371	81	22,292,835	(c) 51 1

(a) At 30th June. (b) Includes payments to Benevolent Asylums and Hospitals for maintenance of pensioners, and to pensioner inmates of these institutions. (c) Increases, including retail price adjustment since December, 1940, are as follows: 2s. December, 1940; 1s. April, 1941; 4s. December, 1941; 1s. April, 1942; 2s. July, 1942; 1s. October, 1942; 1s. January, 1943; 1s. April, 1943; 1s. August, 1943. Rate £2 14s. 0d. from 19th August, 1943. Adjustments are no longer made on the retail price index-numbers. (d) During 1939-40 all invalid pensions in force were specially reviewed and, at 30th June, 1940, all those pensioners who had become qualified for old-age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the old-age pension list.

CHILD ENDOWMENT AT 30th JUNE, 1943.

State.	Claims in Force.	Endowed Children. (a)	Number per 10,000 of population.		Amount paid during 1942-43.	
			Claims.	Endowed Children.	Amount.	Per head of Population. (b)
	No.	No.			£	s. d.
New South Wales (c) ..	194,168	354,883	679	1,242	4,580,228	32 2
Victoria ..	124,986	218,511	631	1,103	2,902,616	29 5
Queensland ..	76,731	145,440	733	1,389	1,914,606	36 10
South Australia (d) ..	40,036	69,097	654	1,129	904,613	29 8
Western Australia ..	36,746	65,777	785	1,405	875,768	37 3
Tasmania ..	18,454	37,513	764	1,553	481,795	40 0
Total 1942-43 ..	491,121	891,221	681	1,236	11,659,626	32 6
1941-42 ..	437,674	895,558	680	1,248	11,302,863	31 8

(a) Excludes endowed children in approved institutions—16,938 at 30th June, 1943; 14,289 at 30th June, 1942. (b) Based on mean population for the financial year. (c) Includes A.C.T. (d) Includes N.T.

WIDOWS' PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1943. (a)

State.	Pensions Current.(b)		Children for whom Pensions Payable.	Average Four-weekly rate of Pension.	Pensions paid during 1942-43.	
	Number.	Per 10,000 of Population.			Amount.	Per head of Population.
			No.	£ s. d.	£	s. d.
New South Wales(c) ..	14,998	52	7,519	5 9 9	949,283	6 8
Victoria ..	10,710	54	3,574	5 0 4	602,957	6 1
Queensland ..	5,755	55	2,485	5 5 1	413,486	8 0
South Australia (d) ..	2,966	48	1,055	5 0 8	160,464	5 3
Western Australia ..	2,596	55	926	5 1 1	153,471	6 6
Tasmania ..	1,377	57	655	5 5 1	79,337	6 7
Total ..	38,402	53	16,214	5 5 0	2,358,998	6 7

(a) The Commonwealth Government commenced to pay Widows' Pensions from 1st July, 1942.

(b) Excludes six pensions in respect of pensioners in Benevolent Asylums.

(c) Includes A.C.T.

(d) Includes N.T.

COMMONWEALTH MATERNITY ALLOWANCE.

Number and Amount of Claims Paid.

(The Maternity Allowance Act came into force on 10th October, 1912.)

Year ended 30th June—	N.S.W. (a)	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	Australia.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£
1937 ..	31,086	20,350	12,170	6,854	4,731	4,018	45	79,254	370,150
1938 ..	30,440	20,160	12,660	6,656	5,026	4,029	29	79,000	400,004
1939 ..	30,860	20,819	12,880	7,162	5,213	3,940	42	80,916	436,614
1940 ..	29,700	19,660	12,290	7,009	4,774	3,883	36	77,352	416,964
1941 ..	28,540	19,156	12,481	6,831	4,775	3,877	38	75,692	407,533
1942 ..	24,481	16,120	12,113	5,724	4,320	3,620	13	66,391	358,538
1943 ..	19,182	11,874	9,651	4,197	4,025	3,018	9	51,956	281,052
Totals since 10.10.12	1,341,149	881,088	507,387	294,681	215,725	146,779	1,124	3,387,933	16,714,945

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

WAR PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1943.

Place.	NUMBER OF WAR PENSIONERS.				AVERAGE FORTNIGHTLY RATE OF PENSIONS.			
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased and Incapacitated Members of Forces.	All War Pensioners.	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
New South Wales	28,518	10,465	39,022	78,005	2 7 11	1 5 2	1 13 6	
Victoria ..	25,921	9,251	36,583	71,755	2 3 4	1 3 11	1 10 11	
Queensland ..	9,229	3,098	13,012	25,339	2 9 10	1 3 10	1 13 4	
South Australia ..	5,187	2,801	7,093	15,081	2 8 6	1 8 4	1 15 4	
Western Australia	7,138	2,764	10,343	20,245	2 7 4	1 5 1	1 12 11	
Tasmania ..	3,456	1,221	5,775	10,452	3 1 8	1 2 10	1 15 8	
United Kingdom ..	1,493	1,615	2,141	5,249	2 13 7	1 16 2	2 1 1	
Elsewhere ..	298	118	311	727	2 3 9	1 9 1	1 15 1	
Total 1942-43 ..	81,240	31,333	114,280	226,853	2 7 4	1 5 0	1 13 0	
1941-42 ..	76,641	27,679	116,019	220,339	1 19 8	0 19 1	1 6 3	

SERVICE PENSIONS AT 30th JUNE, 1943.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Aust.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Pensions Current—							
Old-age (Members of Forces) ..	1,623	1,159	674	301	440	73	4,270
Permanently Unemployable—							
Members of Forces	1,022	834	773	414	452	200	3,695
Dependants ..	1,186	1,057	795	459	459	265	4,221
Sufferers from Pulmonary Tuberculosis—							
Members of Forces	229	112	34	27	40	10	452
Dependants ..	305	147	64	51	63	16	646
Total 1942-43 ..	4,265	3,309	2,340	1,252	1,454	564	13,284
1941-42 ..	4,661	3,354	2,649	1,392	1,561	629	14,246
Average Fortnightly Pensions—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Members of Forces ..	2 4 3	2 3 11	2 5 3	2 5 5	2 1 2	2 2 7	2 4 1
Dependants ..	1 7 7	1 8 6	1 7 4	1 8 5	1 8 6	1 5 4	1 7 10
All Pensioners 1942-43	1 18 7	1 18 4	1 18 8	1 18 6	1 16 7	1 14 0	1 18 1
1941-42	1 14 6	1 14 8	1 14 4	1 13 10	1 14 2	1 8 1	1 14 1

AUSTRALIAN WAR AND SERVICE PENSIONS EXPENDITURE.

(i) WAR PENSIONS.

Place of Payment.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales ..	2,661,271	2,674,462	2,618,564	2,560,477	2,576,241	2,897,870
Victoria ..	2,334,448	2,353,107	2,317,417	2,252,227	2,255,233	2,497,300
Queensland ..	874,872	890,710	873,635	853,757	846,584	943,691
South Australia ..	493,255	497,230	497,743	485,919	494,166	575,168
Western Australia ..	689,528	696,833	685,019	671,457	668,617	752,585
Tasmania ..	397,199	403,747	404,154	396,814	393,406	434,228
Elsewhere ..	310,634	303,200	285,714	267,880	267,664	265,854
Total ..	7,761,207	7,819,289	7,682,246	7,488,531	7,501,911	8,366,996

(ii) SERVICE PENSIONS.

Place of Payment.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
New South Wales ..	96,327	113,443	148,599	162,935	185,315	218,173
Victoria ..	84,365	103,292	118,577	126,976	140,916	163,116
Queensland ..	57,543	72,717	80,364	88,088	106,120	119,032
South Australia ..	45,028	51,474	54,377	57,758	60,105	61,953
Western Australia ..	36,344	46,044	51,651	55,783	64,652	73,503
Tasmania ..	10,254	15,157	18,695	19,564	22,548	24,332
Elsewhere ..	10	..	..	..	..	..
Total ..	329,871	407,127	472,263	511,103	579,656	b 660,109

(a) Includes 1939-43 War—1940-41, £18,772, 1941-42, £207,324, 1942-43, £659,384.

1939-43 War—£2,314.

(b) Includes

COMMONWEALTH INCOME TAX, 1941-42.(a)

Grade of Taxable Income.	Number of Taxpayers.	Tax Assessed.			Amount per Taxpayer.	Percentage on Total Tax Assessed.
		Ordinary.	War Tax.	Total.		
Individuals—	No.	£	£	£	£ s. d.	%
War Tax only ..	592,359	..	1,691,281	1,691,281	2 17 1	2.4
£1 to £200 ..	484,678	2,750,062	2,691,963	5,442,025	11 4 7	7.8
£201 to £500 ..	200,729	4,654,356	1,833,002	6,487,358	32 6 5	9.3
£501 to £1,000 ..	68,353	5,394,068	1,087,824	6,481,892	94 16 7	9.3
£1,001 and over ..	31,259	26,175,022	1,074,118	27,249,140	871 14 5	38.9
Total Individuals	1,377,378	38,978,508	8,378,188	47,351,696	34 7 7	67.7
Companies ..	14,349	19,916,018	62,713,261	82,629,279	1,577 1 3	32.3
GRAND TOTAL ..	..	..	..	69,980,975	..	100.0

(a) Assessed on income for year 1940-41. (b) Super Tax. (c) Excludes War-time (Company) Tax, £4,089,608 and Undistributed Profits Taxes, £7,496,682.

COMMONWEALTH LAND TAX ASSESSMENTS.

Heading.	Assessment year—				
	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.
NUMBER OF TAXPAYERS—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Resident Owners ..	21,028	20,956	21,395	21,959	21,921
Absentee Owners ..	2,584	2,559	2,365	2,562	2,450
TOTAL ..	23,612	23,515	23,760	24,521	24,371
UNIMPROVED VALUE OF LAND AS RETURNED BY OWNERS—	£	£	£	£	£
Resident ..	225,774,692	223,207,419	234,273,018	244,512,737	244,222,515
Absentee ..	1,999,905	2,047,766	1,892,564	1,685,096	1,444,489
TOTAL ..	227,774,597	230,255,185	236,165,577	246,197,833	245,667,004
UNIMPROVED VALUE AS ASCERTAINED BY DEPARTMENT—					
Resident ..	257,346,942	257,277,026	272,109,061	277,242,136	275,288,688
Absentee ..	2,167,995	2,196,814	2,630,107	1,991,916	1,580,307
TOTAL ..	259,514,937	259,473,840	274,739,168	279,234,052	276,868,995
TAX ASSESSED ON—					
Urban Land—Resident Owners ..	924,749	1,045,591	1,195,246	2,453,928	2,897,198
Absentee Owners ..	10,082	10,673	11,324	20,509	20,333
TOTAL ..	934,831	1,056,264	1,206,570	2,474,437	2,917,531
Rural Land—Resident Owners ..	339,487	372,713	358,763	784,293	889,928
Absentee Owners ..	3,267	3,342	4,248	6,113	5,204
TOTAL ..	342,754	376,055	393,011	790,406	895,132
All Land—Resident Owners ..	1,264,236	1,418,304	1,554,009	3,238,221	3,787,126
Absentee Owners ..	13,349	14,015	15,572	26,622	25,537
TOTAL ..	1,277,585	1,432,319	1,569,581	3,264,843	3,812,663
AREA OF RURAL LAND ASSESSED ac.	557,636,000	556,695,994	556,131,125	553,556,163	562,701,713
ASSESSED TAX ON RURAL LAND per ac.	1.427d.	1.592d.	1.680d.	2.985d.	3.426d.

(a) Excludes Crown Leaseholds.

COMMONWEALTH ESTATE DUTY, 1942-43.

Grade of Dutiable Value.	Number of Estates.(a)	Gross Value as Assessed.	Dutiable Value.	Net Duty Payable.
£	No.	£	£	£
1- 1,000 ..	2,704	6,131,107	1,122,238	33,639
1,001- 2,000 ..	1,403	4,877,652	2,051,688	59,995
2,001- 3,000 ..	883	4,122,043	2,176,643	64,287
3,001- 4,000 ..	578	3,252,959	2,010,544	59,980
4,001- 5,000 ..	406	2,807,917	1,807,107	53,959
5,001-10,000 ..	1,008	9,556,545	6,900,013	207,185
10,001-20,000 ..	620	10,487,706	8,534,642	364,264
20,001-50,000 ..	301	11,379,829	8,933,008	731,432
50,001 and over ..	71	8,333,658	5,998,847	1,123,541
Total ..	7,974	60,999,416	39,534,730	2,698,282

(a) Number of estates assessed during year 1942-43.

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.—Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods and Sales Tax payable in each month.—Australia.(a)

Year 1941-42.

Quarter Ended.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods. (b)	Taxable Sales.(b)						Sales Tax Payable. (b)
		5 per cent. (c)	10 per cent. (c)	12½ per cent. (d)	15 per cent. (c)	20 per cent. (e)	25 per cent. (d)	
September ..	£ 000. 143,553	£'000. 13,913	£'000. 38,270	£'000. ..	£'000. 8,858	£'000. ..	£'000. ..	£'000. 5,850
December ..	149,728	6,317	44,391	..	3,117	6,810	..	61,041
March ..	140,570	2,404	43,363	..	..	8,404	..	60,635
June ..	147,295	756	15,517	27,988	..	3,318	4,984	54,171
Total Year ..	581,146	23,390	141,541	27,988	11,975	18,532	4,984	52,563
								228,410
								25,567

Year 1942-43.

Period.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.(b)	Taxable Sales.(b)			Sales Tax Payable. (b)
		12½ per cent. (d)	25 per cent. (d)	Total.	
September Qtr. ..	£'000. 151,614	£'000. 45,619	£'000. 8,513	£'000. 54,132	£'000. 7,825
December Qtr. ..	151,789	42,691	8,500	51,191	7,461
January ..	44,230	11,952	2,187	14,139	2,040
February ..	49,623	13,370	2,132	15,502	2,203
March ..	51,510	15,139	2,497	17,636	2,515
Total, March Qtr. ..	145,363	40,461	6,816	47,277	6,758
April ..	48,659	14,172	2,216	16,388	2,318
May ..	50,327	14,410	2,309	16,719	2,377
June ..	48,711	14,136	2,006	16,142	2,263
Total, June Qtr. ..	147,697	42,718	6,531	49,249	6,963
Total, Year ..	596,463	171,489	30,360	201,849	29,007

Year 1943-44.

Period.	Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.(b)	Taxable Sales.(b)				Sales Tax Payable. (b).
		7½ per cent. (f).	12½ per cent. (d)	25 per cent. (d)	Total.	
July ..	£'000. 50,079	£'000. 1,330	£'000. 13,899	£'000. 2,525	£'000. 17,754	£'000. 2,468
August ..	50,752	5,338	10,473	2,363	18,174	2,299
September ..	51,607	5,242	10,736	2,467	18,445	2,350
Total September Quarter ..	152,438	11,910	35,108	7,355	54,373	7,117
October ..	51,921	4,786	10,678	2,645	18,109	2,355
November ..	53,363	4,816	10,978	3,024	18,818	2,489
December(g) ..	51,200	4,400	10,400	2,900	17,700	2,354
Total December Quarter(g) ..	156,484	14,002	32,056	8,569	54,627	7,198

(a) From information obtained from returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade nor do they necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade.
 (b) Includes Taxable Imports and Tax collected at Customs House. (c) The rates 5 per cent., 10 per cent. and 15 per cent. came into operation on 22nd November, 1940. (d) The rates 12½ per cent. and 25 per cent. came into operation on 1st May, 1942. (e) The rate of 20 per cent. replaced the rate of 15 per cent. from 30th October, 1941.
 (f) From 21st July, 1943, rationed clothing, &c., was reduced from 12½ per cent. to 7½ per cent. (g) Partly estimated—subject to revision.

(B.) STATE FINANCE.

NOTE.—In respect of New South Wales the Consolidated Revenue Fund and Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses, Sydney Harbour Trust Section of Maritime Services Board and Road Transport and Traffic Fund—included in the Annual Budget Papers are represented in the following tables. Adjustments have been made to the Budget figures, however, in order to obviate duplications caused by inter-fund payments and to maintain uniformity from year to year in the presentation of statistics. A deduction of £799,998 has thus been made from the Budget Revenue total of £72,333,926, and of £1,200,250 from the Expenditure total of £71,189,568, the surplus thus obtained being £1,544,610 instead of the Budget surplus of £1,144,358. Particulars for other States are restricted to the transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and have not been adjusted.

STATE REVENUES, 1942-43.

Sources of Revenue.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Taxation (b) ..	9,510,979	5,330,909	2,585,513	1,789,121	6,164,770	832,589	21,213,831
Railways ..	34,071,958	17,070,396	16,953,905	45,875,668	4,446,370	..	78,418,297
Tramways (c) ..	5,581,845	(f) 119,443	..	..	469,751	..	6,171,039
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	1,702,324	2,622,377	871	1,961,556	1,874,800	5,440	8,167,368
Land ..	1,755,010	723,265	1,591,067	265,368	317,033	93,436	4,745,179
Interest (n.e.i.) ..	422,345	1,591,213	1,060,157	1,023,006	454,926	457,169	5,008,816
Commonwealth Payments (g) ..	14,184,169	7,566,164	6,202,135	3,598,150	3,449,619	1,645,553	36,645,795
All other Sources ..	4,305,298	1,466,157	890,424	679,652	974,409	256,182	8,572,122
Total Revenue ..	71,533,928	36,489,924	29,284,072	15,192,521	13,151,678	3,290,324	168,942,447
Total Revenue per head (h) ..	£ s. d. 25 2 8	£ s. d. 18 9 11	£ s. d. 28 3 10	£ s. d. 24 18 1	£ s. d. 27 19 5	£ s. d. 13 13 5	£ s. d. 23 10 8

Year ended 30th June—

STATE REVENUES 1928-29 AND 1938-39 TO 1942-43.

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1929 ..	46,240,658	27,236,329	16,725,682	10,840,914	9,947,951	2,766,434	113,807,968
1939 ..	51,709,735	26,985,543	19,330,369	12,308,597	10,949,660	3,614,764	124,893,673
1940 ..	54,754,626	28,102,735	20,755,504	12,755,648	11,119,943	3,055,310	130,543,766
1941 ..	59,895,571	29,182,657	21,539,749	12,924,663	11,432,068	3,921,573	137,899,281
1942 ..	65,865,678	33,112,372	23,662,947	15,002,030	11,940,149	3,358,707	152,941,883
1943 ..	71,533,928	36,489,924	29,284,072	15,192,521	13,151,678	3,290,324	168,942,447

STATE EXPENDITURES, 1942-43.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.(a)	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Interest and Charges on Public Debt ..	15,507,470	8,374,804	6,582,516	5,344,587	4,581,924	1,373,440	41,764,741
Railways ..	26,997,307	13,607,889	10,957,836	4,359,360	3,489,921	3,846	59,410,159
Tramways (c) ..	5,140,731	..	..	..	345,401	..	5,486,132
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	913,336	1,362,048	1,671	780,304	1,024,565	(b) 254,510	4,336,434
Education ..	6,121,408	3,357,906	1,781,289	1,103,033	914,422	499,154	13,777,212
Hospitals ..	2,761,051	1,536,211	738,414	604,999	418,885	179,945	6,239,505
Other Charities ..	1,720,488	1,516,791	707,787	181,491	230,785	108,755	4,466,097
All other Expenditure	10,827,527	5,979,044	38,412,539	2,591,879	2,121,339	980,154	30,913,382
Total Expenditure	60,989,318	35,735,593	29,182,052	14,959,653	13,127,242	3,399,804	166,393,662
Total Expenditure per head (h) ..	£ s. d. 24 11 10	£ s. d. 18 2 3	£ s. d. 28 1 10	£ s. d. 24 10 5	£ s. d. 27 18 4	£ s. d. 14 2 6	£ s. d. 23 3 7

Year ended 30th June—

STATE EXPENDITURES 1928-29 AND 1938-39 TO 1942-43.

	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
1929 ..	48,159,691	27,251,578	16,902,145	11,771,772	10,223,919	2,855,977	117,165,082
1939 ..	54,163,064	27,772,790	19,316,323	12,700,921	11,170,102	3,640,748	128,763,948
1940 ..	57,049,577	28,096,474	20,739,749	12,918,376	11,266,768	3,052,909	133,123,853
1941 ..	60,319,036	29,040,357	21,511,313	13,007,538	11,420,957	3,103,204	138,402,465
1942 ..	64,824,193	32,320,072	23,599,175	13,712,354	11,938,381	3,357,122	149,751,297
1943 ..	69,989,318	35,735,593	29,182,052	14,959,653	13,127,242	3,399,804	166,393,662

(a) Excludes particulars of transport services, now under control of Transport Commission. Motor taxation collections are also now paid to the Commission's Fund. (b) For total receipts from various forms of taxation, Commonwealth and State, 1942-43, see p. 40. Excludes Commonwealth reimbursements. (c) Gross collections. (d) Includes £126,000 of Commonwealth Grant taken direct to Railway Revenue. (e) Includes Omnibuses. (f) Contribution to Revenue by Melbourne and Metropolitan Tramways. (g) Includes Commonwealth Income and Entertainments Tax reimbursements. (h) Based on mean population for the financial year. (i) Losses of Transport Commission. (j) Includes £4,000,000 transferred to Post-war Reconstruction and Development Fund. An additional £1,250,000 is included in Railway expenditure.

STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE DURING THE YEAR 1942-43.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works—	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Railways	1,550,731	540,506	181,866	414,691	6,644	103,094	2,797,532
Tramways (b) ..	Cr. 21,106	..	..	Cr. 37,681	71,949	..	13,162
Roads and Bridges ..	10,184	Cr. 30,399	Cr. 12,627	Cr. 17,000	..	..	..
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c.	78,926	Cr. 7,272	471,855	53,813	66,258	18,573	632,311
Water Supply and Sewerage	57,124	26,947	175,000	1,113,871	38,069	..	1,411,011
Electricity Supply ..	66,537	..	..	..	46,137	442,500	555,174
Public Buildings ..	278,838	181,687	186,649	Cr. 419,072	27,432	94,189	349,723
Unemployment Relief ..	Cr. 134,106	Cr. 63,729	..	..	..	Cr. 11,287	Cr. 209,122
Other Public Works, &c.	29,325	Cr. 3,463	Cr. 293,748	Cr. 134,930	102	75,101	Cr. 327,613
Primary Production—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Land Settlement (c) ..	Cr. 744	Cr. 538,934	Cr. 40,547	Cr. 327,391	Cr. 70,583	Cr. 143,496	Cr. 1,121,695
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage	Cr. 12,967	..	Cr. 11,164	Cr. 45,366	11,788	..	Cr. 57,709
Other	Cr. 1,220	95,288	Cr. 102,667	Cr. 68,071	116,307	Cr. 3,560	36,077
Other purposes .. ..	..	..	Cr. 100,046	45,500	62,789	..	8,243
Total Works, &c.	1,901,522	200,631	454,571	578,364	376,892	575,114	4,087,094
Per Head (d) ..	£ s. d. 0 13 4	£ s. d. 0 2 0	£ s. d. 0 8 9	£ s. d. 0 19 0	£ s. d. 0 16 0	£ s. d. 2 7 9	£ s. d. 0 11 5
Non-Works—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..	Cr. 3,300,000	..	..	Cr. 582,346	Cr. 24,436	..	Cr. 3,906,782
Other (e)	312,611	..	..	45,058	72,711	Cr. 74,110	356,270
Grand Total ..	Cr. 1,085,867	200,631	454,571	41,076	425,167	501,004	536,582

(a) Expenditure from Loan Fund and on account of Loans; includes expenditure from Loan Funds from Treasurer's Advance Account and from State Loans Repayment Fund. (b) Includes Omnibuses. (c) Includes Advances to Settlers, and Soldier Land Settlement. (d) Based on mean population for the financial year. (e) Discount and flotation expenses, exchange on remittances, &c.

TOTAL STATE NET LOAN EXPENDITURE TO 30th JUNE, 1943.

Heads of Expenditure.	N.S.W.	Vic.(a)	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
Works—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Railways and Tramways ..	165,839	78,776	66,404	39,507	27,064	7,514	385,104
Roads and Bridges	20,943	12,646	5,296	3,858	3,183	..	..
Harbours, Rivers, Lights, &c.	22,230	1,405	3,305	8,538	7,586	7,265	96,255
Water Supply and Sewerage	40,953	31,872	1,807	21,929	14,889	..	111,450
Electricity Supply	2,545	17,839	..	..	1,909	7,511	29,804
Public Buildings	17,833	8,207	7,485	3,825	2,784	2,902	43,096
Unemployment Relief ..	17,157	13,139	..	..	(b)	344	30,640
Other Public Works, &c. (c) ..	11,580	3,669	26,059	7,989	3,074	(d) 4,258	56,629
Primary Production—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Land Settlement	12,327	44,058	5,610	11,680	17,733	2,929	94,337
Water Conservation, Irrigation and Drainage ..	19,465	..	1,982	9,188	3,864	..	34,499
Other	7,818	5,396	8,123	2,191	14,192	31	37,751
Other purposes	89	212	324	4,243	3,599	..	8,467
Total Works	338,779	217,219	126,395	112,948	99,877	32,814	928,032
Non-Works—	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Revenue, &c., Deficits ..	39,530	4,864	5,826	8,669	12,080	1,017	71,986
Other	18,127	5,834	10,333	1,271	4,169	..	39,734
Grand Total ..	396,436	227,917	142,554	122,888	116,126	33,831	1,039,752

(a) Aggregate Gross Loan Expenditure. (b) Not available separately—distributed over individual items. (c) Includes Loans to Local Bodies, Housing, Immigration, &c. (d) Includes Loan Flotation Expenses.

STATE PUBLIC DEBT AND INTEREST PAYABLE AT 30th JUNE, 1943.

State.	Public Debt.				Interest Payable.			
	Aus- tralia.	London.	New York.	Total.	In Aus- tralia.	In London.	In New York.	Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales ..	194,033	154,342	11,864	360,239	6,273	5,813	574	12,660
Victoria	109,387	62,049	4,499	175,935	3,950	2,316	221	6,487
Queensland	60,510	62,788	5,271	128,569	2,129	2,513	279	4,921
South Australia ..	63,846	42,850	1,733	108,429	2,253	1,680	86	4,019
Western Australia ..	51,136	43,837	2,015	96,988	1,713	1,691	101	3,505
Tasmania	15,204	13,247	228	28,679	545	488	11	1,044
Total	494,116	379,113	25,610	898,839	16,863	14,501	1,272	32,636

(a) Payable in terms of dollars. For the purposes of this table dollars have been arbitrarily converted on the basis of \$4.8665 to £1 (Stg.). (b) The total "face" or "book" value of the State Public Debt leaving out of account currency changes since the loans were floated. (c) Nominal amount of interest payable takes no account of exchange.

(C.) COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.

(TABLES ON THIS PAGE ARE PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE.

State, &c.	Nine months ended March—					
	1942-43.			1943-44.		
	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (—).	Revenue.	Expenditure.	Surplus (+) or Deficit (—).
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales(a) ..	49,500	50,101	— 601	51,409	52,487	— 1,078
Victoria ..	22,528	24,420	— 1,892	22,841	24,947	— 2,106
Queensland ..	20,318	17,452	+ 2,866	20,265	18,603	+ 1,662
South Australia ..	10,667	10,929	— 262	10,898	11,389	— 491
Western Australia ..	9,451	9,515	— 64	9,889	10,028	— 139
Tasmania ..	2,177	2,468	— 291	2,339	2,488	— 149
Total, Six States ..	114,641	114,885	— 244	117,641	119,942	— 2,301
Commonwealth ..	167,721	167,721	..	214,242	214,242	..
Grand Total (b) ..	261,958	262,202	— 244	305,545	307,846	— 2,301

(a) Excludes Main Roads Department and recoups of interest, &c., from undertakings outside the Budget.

(b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals exclude payments by the Commonwealth to the States of compensation in respect of uniform taxation, interest on States' debts and special grants. Deductions have also been made of pay-roll tax payments by State Governments to the Commonwealth Government.

REVENUE FROM COMMONWEALTH PAYMENTS AND TAXATION AND EXPENDITURE ON ADMINISTRATION, ETC.

State, &c.	Revenue from Commonwealth Payments.(a)		Revenue from Taxation. (b)		Expenditure— Administration, Works and Social Services, including Unemployment Relief.	
	Nine months ended March—					
	1942-43.	1943-44.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1942-43.	1943-44.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales ..	10,049	13,651	7,637	4,142	15,616	15,698
Victoria ..	6,412	7,669	3,788	2,862	9,040	9,001
Queensland ..	4,660	5,168	2,123	1,777	5,285	5,461
South Australia ..	3,168	3,336	1,415	1,311	3,076	3,098
Western Australia ..	3,255	3,736	921	709	2,597	2,810
Tasmania ..	1,352	1,539	664	647	1,293	1,346
Total, Six States ..	28,896	35,099	16,548	11,448	36,907	37,414
Commonwealth ..	..	..	141,829	184,396	(c)105,311	(c) 136,900
Grand Total ..	28,896	35,099	158,377	195,844	142,218	174,314

(a) Includes amounts received in accordance with the Financial Agreement, 1927, with Special State Grants and with the Income and Entertainment Tax Reimbursement Acts, 1942.

(b) Includes arrears of State income tax as State collections. (c) Excludes Territories, payments to States under Financial Agreement and other Acts and assistance to Primary Producers. Includes Defence and War Services (excluding Interest, &c., charges), 1942-43, £62,702,000; 1943-44, £90,316,000.

BUSINESS UNDERTAKINGS.(a)

State, &c.	Revenue.				Expenditure.			
	Nine months ended March—							
	1942-43.		1943-44.		1942-43.		1943-44.	
	Rail-way.	Other.	Rail-way.	Other.	Rail-way.	Other.	Rail-way.	Other.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
New South Wales ..	24,975	5,666	26,634	5,829	19,046	4,190	20,721	4,540
Victoria (b) ..	11,556	239	11,661	233	8,856	309	9,347	307
Queensland (c) ..	12,408	..	12,164	..	7,549	..	8,545	..
South Australia ..	4,213	1,655	4,329	1,704	3,210	591	3,577	661
Western Australia ..	3,266	1,764	3,313	1,854	2,521	883	2,684	998
Tasmania ..	..	..	..	..	(d) 249	..	(d) 205	..
Total, Six States ..	56,418	9,324	58,101	9,620	41,431	5,973	45,079	6,506
Commonwealth ..	2,282	e 17,855	2,476	e 20,068	1,540	e 13,197	1,746	e 14,283
Grand Total ..	58,700	27,179	60,577	29,688	42,971	19,170	46,825	20,789

(a) Excludes Interest, &c., charges.

(b) Railways and State Coal-mine only.

(c) Railways only.

(d) Expenditure on account of losses by Transport Commission.

(e) Postmaster-General's Department.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE, 1942-43.(a)

State, &c.	Customs and Excise.	Income Taxes. (b)	Land Tax.	Probate and Succession Duties.	Other Stamp Duties.	Motor Taxes.	Enter- tainments (including Racing). (b)	All other Taxes.	Total Taxes.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
N. South Wales	..	4,347,457	2,130	2,882,050	1,203,885	2,243,807	376,236	699,221	11,754,786
Victoria	..	1,731,316	355,007	1,517,895	809,237	1,492,745	486,964	468,026	6,861,190
Queensland	..	751,750	391,268	631,929	427,869	738,956	79,313	326,616	3,347,701
South Australia	..	227,080	305,577	381,710	211,632	561,618	33,979	67,525	1,789,121
Western Aust.	..	443,453	132,102	179,288	195,103	356,804	109,110	127,126	1,542,986
Tasmania	..	183,496	92,565	120,665	68,246	201,017	42,075	325,492	1,033,556
Total States ..	..	7,684,552	1,278,649	5,713,537	2,915,972	5,594,947	1,127,677	2,014,006	26,329,340
Commonwealth	64,878,120	141,027,271	3,873,115	2,696,000	..	..	2,994,426	41,674,588	257,143,520
Grand Total	64,878,120	148,711,823	5,151,764	8,409,537	2,915,972	5,594,947	4,122,103	43,688,594	283,472,860

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(c)

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
N. South Wales ..	1 10 7	..	1 0 3	0 8 6	0 15 9	0 2 8	0 4 11	4 2 8	
Victoria ..	0 17 7	0 3 7	0 15 5	0 8 3	0 15 2	0 4 1	0 5 6	3 9 7	
Queensland ..	0 14 5	0 7 6	0 12 2	0 8 3	0 14 2	0 1 7	0 6 4	3 4 5	
South Australia ..	0 7 4	0 9 10	0 13 1	0 6 11	0 18 4	0 0 11	0 2 2	2 18 7	
Western Aust. ..	0 18 8	0 5 8	0 7 8	0 8 4	0 15 2	0 4 8	0 5 5	3 5 7	
Tasmania ..	0 15 3	0 7 9	0 10 0	0 5 8	0 16 9	0 3 6	1 7 0	4 5 11	
Total States ..	1 1 5	0 3 7	0 15 11	0 8 2	0 15 7	0 3 2	0 5 7	3 13 5	
Commonwealth	9 0 3	19 11 10	0 10 9	0 7 6	..	0 8 4	5 15 9	35 14 5	
Grand Total	9 0 3	20 13 2	0 14 4	1 3 4	0 8 1	0 15 7	6 1 4	39 7 6	

(a) The foregoing particulars include those amounts collected by State Governments and paid into Special Funds. The collections have been grouped according to the nature of the tax rather than the method of collection. See page 27 for details of Commonwealth Taxation. (b) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts 1942. (c) Based on mean population for the financial year.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH AND STATE.

Year.	Taxation by Commonwealth Government.			Taxation by State Governments.	Total Taxation.
	Customs and Excise.	Other.	Total.		
	£	£	£	£	£
1938-39 ..	47,632,365	26,404,534	74,036,899	50,506,997	124,543,896
1939-40 ..	53,824,906	36,185,757	90,010,663	54,386,815	144,397,478
1940-41 ..	53,779,783	71,603,739	125,383,522	56,304,176	181,687,698
1941-42 ..	56,780,808	122,654,537	179,435,345	57,259,478	236,694,823
1942-43 ..	64,878,120	192,265,400	257,143,520	26,329,340	283,472,860

PER HEAD OF POPULATION.(b)

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1938-39 ..	6 17 7	3 16 3	10 13 10	7 6 2	17 19 6
1939-40 ..	7 13 11	5 3 5	12 17 4	7 16 0	20 13 0
1940-41 ..	7 12 2	10 2 7	17 14 9	7 19 10	25 14 1
1941-42 ..	7 19 1	17 3 9	25 2 10	8 1 0	33 3 3
1942-43 ..	9 0 3	26 14 2	35 14 5	(a) 3 13 5	39 7 6

(a) Excludes payments by Commonwealth to States under Income and Entertainments Tax Reimbursement Acts 1942. (b) Based on mean population of the Commonwealth and of the six States for each financial year.

TAXATION.—COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSEMENTS TO STATES AND STATE COLLECTIONS, 1942-43.

Particulars.	N.S.W.	Victoria.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Commonwealth Reimbursements—							
Income Tax ..	11,146,135	5,159,061	5,105,900	2,141,552	2,102,547	776,347	26,431,542
Entertainments Tax	120,623	279,944	..	72,782	73,640	27,352	574,341
Total ..	11,266,758	5,439,005	5,105,900	2,214,334	2,176,187	803,699	27,005,883
State Collections ..	11,754,786	6,861,190	3,347,701	1,789,121	1,542,986	1,033,556	26,329,340
Grand Total ..	23,021,544	12,300,195	8,453,601	4,003,455	3,719,173	1,837,255	53,335,223
Per head of population	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
	8 1 10	6 4 9	8 2 9	6 11 3	7 18 2	7 12 8	7 8 7

NET LOAN EXPENDITURE ON WORKS.

(PREPARED FROM INFORMATION PUBLISHED IN THE MONTHLY STATEMENTS ISSUED BY EACH TREASURY.)

Nine months ended March	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	Total, Six States.	Commonwealth (a)	Grand Total.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1942-43	1,634	209	507	Cr. 906	342	174	1,960	334,570	336,530
1943-44	1,836	199	586	Cr. 109	69	161	2,244	301,847	304,091

(a) Gross Expenditure, all Defence and War Services, except £185,000 in 1942-43.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE PUBLIC DEBT.—(i) TOTAL DEBT.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—				
		1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.
PUBLIC DEBT						
Commonwealth—						
War (1914-19)	Australia £A.	175,193,890	173,028,896	171,240,024	167,219,614	166,531,732
	London £Stg.	90,744,381	90,744,381	90,744,380	90,744,380	90,744,380
War (1939-43)	Australia £A.	..	46,808,759	109,649,579	321,344,875	712,578,263
	London £Stg.	..	5,810,000	17,875,000	17,875,000	18,128,500
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.	43,302,593	37,279,030	39,458,596	39,956,165	38,241,177
	London £Stg.	72,096,566	65,779,396	65,384,097	65,134,096	64,884,096
	New York £Stg.	15,913,501	15,876,718	15,876,718	15,876,718	15,790,414
Total ..	Australia £A.	218,496,483	257,116,685	320,348,199	528,520,654	917,351,172
	London £Stg.	162,840,947	162,333,777	174,003,477	173,753,476	173,756,976
	New York £Stg.	15,913,501	15,876,718	15,876,718	15,876,718	15,790,414
Total ..	..	397,250,931	435,327,180	510,228,394	718,150,848	1,106,898,562
State ..	Australia £A.	485,179,757	493,646,681	504,494,372	504,439,305	494,115,500
	London £Stg.	384,327,833	384,162,382	384,041,606	380,422,219	379,113,037
	New York £Stg.	28,264,451	27,918,001	27,486,038	25,816,388	25,610,182
Total ..	..	897,772,041	905,727,064	916,022,446	910,677,912	898,838,719
Grand Total! ..	Australia £A.	703,676,240	750,763,366	824,842,571	1,032,959,959	1,411,466,672
	London £Stg.	547,168,780	546,496,159	558,045,088	554,175,695	552,870,013
	New York £Stg.	44,177,952	43,794,719	43,362,786	41,693,106	41,400,596
Total ..	..	1,295,022,972	1,341,054,244	1,426,250,440	1,628,828,760	2,005,737,281

(ii) DEBT PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

Particulars.	Where Redeemable.	At 30th June—				
		1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.
PER HEAD OF POPULATION.						
Commonwealth— War (1914-19)	Australia £A.	£ s. d. 25 3 4	£ s. d. 24 12 2	£ s. d. 24 2 3	£ s. d. 23 6 2	£ s. d. 23 0 8
	London £Stg.	13 0 9	12 18 2	12 15 6	12 13 0	12 11 0
War (1939-43)	Australia £A.	..	6 13 2	15 8 9	44 15 10	98 11 2
	London £Stg.	..	0 16 6	2 10 5	2 9 10	2 10 2
Works, &c. ..	Australia £A.	6 4 5	5 6 0	5 11 1	5 11 5	5 5 10
	London £Stg.	10 7 1	9 7 1	9 4 1	9 1 7	8 19 6
	New York £Stg.	2 5 9	2 5 2	2 4 9	2 4 3	2 3 8
Total ..	Australia £A.	31 7 9	36 11 4	45 2 1	73 13 5	126 17 8
	London £Stg.	23 7 10	23 1 9	24 10 0	24 4 5	24 0 8
	New York £Stg.	2 5 9	2 5 2	2 4 9	2 4 3	2 3 8
Total ..	..	57 1 4	61 18 3	71 16 10	100 2 1	153 2 0
State ..	Australia £A.	69 17 8	70 8 4	71 5 4	70 10 5	68 10 10
	London £Stg.	55 7 2	54 15 11	54 5 0	53 3 8	52 11 10
	New York £Stg.	4 1 5	3 19 8	3 17 8	3 12 2	3 11 1
Total ..	..	129 6 3	129 3 11	129 8 0	127 6 3	124 13 9
Grand Total ..	Australia £A.	101 1 10	106 15 6	116 2 9	143 19 8	195 4 7
	London £Stg.	78 12 1	77 14 6	78 11 5	77 4 11	76 9 5
	New York £Stg.	6 6 11	6 4 7	6 2 1	5 16 3	5 14 6
Total ..	..	186 0 10	190 14 7	200 16 3	227 0 10	277 8 6

(iii)—INTEREST PAYABLE.

Particulars.	Where Payable.	At 30th June—				
		1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.
INTEREST PAYABLE.						
Commonwealth ..	Australia £A.	8,344,627	9,420,640	11,248,796	16,135,040	25,144,319
	London £Stg.(a)	3,403,554	3,387,798	3,786,322	3,655,830	3,290,884
	New York £Stg.	777,586	775,930	775,930	775,930	771,780
Total(b) ..	..	12,525,767	13,584,366	15,761,048	20,566,800	29,206,983
State ..	Australia £A.	17,240,238	17,593,171	17,866,911	17,283,764	16,862,701
	London £Stg.	14,962,882	14,958,802	14,954,603	14,500,345	14,500,853
	New York £Stg.	1,441,476	1,420,694	1,364,925	1,282,976	1,272,666
Total(b) ..	..	33,644,596	33,972,667	34,216,439	33,067,085	32,636,220
Grand Total, Commonwealth and State ..	Australia £A.	25,584,865	27,013,811	29,115,707	33,418,804	42,007,020
	London £Stg.(a)	18,366,436	18,346,598	18,690,925	18,156,175	17,791,737
	New York £Stg.	2,219,662	2,196,624	2,170,855	2,058,906	2,044,446
Total(b) ..	..	46,170,363	47,557,033	49,977,487	53,633,885	61,843,203

(a) Excludes suspended interest (£3,919,774) on War Debt to British Government (£79,724,220). (b) The totals shown represent the nominal amount of interest, taking no account of exchange.

(iv)—AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST.

Particulars.	Where Payable.	At 30th June—				
		1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.
AVERAGE RATES OF INTEREST.						
Commonwealth and State	Australia	£ s. d. 3 12 9	£ s. d. 3 12 4	£ s. d. 3 11 1	£ s. d. 3 5 1	£ s. d. 2 19 9
	London(a)	3 18 7	3 18 7	3 18 2	3 16 7	3 17 3
	New York	5 0 6	5 0 4	5 0 2	4 18 9	4 18 9
	3 16 0	3 15 8	3 14 6	3 9 6	3 4 10

(a) See note (a) above. (b) Based on the nominal amount of interest payable taking no account of exchange.

(v)—SHORT-TERM DEBT.(a)

Debt.	Where Redeemable.	At—								
		30th June, 1936.	30th June, 1937.	30th June, 1938.	30th June, 1939.	30th June, 1940.	30th June, 1941.	30th June, 1942.	30th June, 1943.	31st March 1944.
Commonwealth ..	Australia £A.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
	London £Stg.	10,220	9,720	5,495	4,220	3,970	1,750	80,481	259,250	403,280
State ..	Australia £A.	47,013	46,408	46,598	50,228	45,463	45,423	45,083	39,200	37,275
	London £Stg.	23,155	23,155	23,155	23,155	23,155	23,155	24,879	23,730	22,868
Total ..	Australia £A.	47,013	46,408	46,598	50,228	45,463	47,173	125,564	298,450	440,555
	London £Stg.	33,375	32,875	28,650	27,375	27,125	26,875	28,349	26,950	25,838

(a) Excludes Overdrafts.

(D). BANKING.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS. (Including Commonwealth Bank.)

Average for Quarters ended—	Deposits.			Advances.	Government and Municipal Securities (including Treasury Bills).	Percentage Non-interest-bearing to Total Deposits.	Percentage Advances to Total Deposits.
	Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest. (a)	Total.				
June, 1939 ..	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	%	%
" 1940 ..	140,225	250,562	390,787	332,688	93,820	35.6	81.3
" 1941 ..	170,778	268,196	438,974	347,380	118,733	38.9	75.7
" 1942 ..	189,643	268,408	458,051	330,535	142,928	41.3	68.9
" 1943 ..	227,076	255,646	482,722	323,850	198,429	47.0	64.0
Sept., 1943 ..	314,609	301,820	616,429	291,630	352,250	50.9	45.1
Dec., 1943 ..	316,961	289,424	606,385	288,873	350,100	52.2	45.4
Mar., 1944 ..	338,869	292,744	631,613	277,070	380,928	53.6	41.8
	367,757	300,974	668,731	270,584	411,255	54.9	38.5

(a) Includes Inscribed Deposit Stock of E.S. and A. and Queensland National Banks. (b) Includes Short-term Loans, other than Treasury Bills of the Commonwealth Bank. (c) In computing the ratios the figures relating to the Rural Bank of New South Wales have been excluded.

NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS. AVERAGE LIABILITIES IN AUSTRALIA.

Quarter ended—	Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Deposits.			Total Liabilities.
				Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.(a)	Total.	
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June, 1939..	167	3,066	810	120,112	203,852	323,964	328,007
" 1940..	167	3,592	1,000	138,438	214,686	353,124	357,883
" 1941..	167	3,580	932	157,746	209,956	367,702	372,381
" 1942..	167	3,912	1,061	193,619	195,493	389,112	394,252
" 1943..	167	4,452	955	258,441	199,519	457,960	463,534
Sept., 1943..	167	4,083	859	257,968	207,359	465,327	470,436
Dec., 1943..	167	4,732	1,117	277,112	210,867	487,979	493,995
Mar., 1944..	167	4,356	1,061	308,943	217,945	526,888	532,472

(a) Includes inscribed deposit stock of the Queensland National and E.S. and A. Banks.

NINE AUSTRALIAN TRADING BANKS. AVERAGE ASSETS IN AUSTRALIA.

Quarter ended—	Coin and Bullion.	Australian Notes and Cash with Commonwealth Bank.	Government and Municipal Securities.(a)	Special War-time Deposits with Commonwealth Bank.	Land and House Property.	Balances due from other Banks.	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Discounts, Over-drafts and all other assets.	Total Assets.
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June, 1939..	3,006	27,449	47,298	..	9,558	1,631	2,184	290,776	381,902
" 1940..	2,193	36,793	83,617	..	9,983	2,099	2,340	286,784	423,809
" 1941..	2,139	34,225	102,354	..	10,297	2,737	2,537	283,054	437,343
" 1942..	1,533	37,049	95,837	36,797	9,996	3,246	3,551	269,944	457,953
" 1943..	1,819	30,573	133,785	100,401	9,881	2,855	3,928	244,776	528,018
Sept., 1943..	1,881	36,349	131,056	106,234	9,837	3,046	3,708	244,746	536,857
Dec., 1943..	1,934	38,077	140,441	124,547	9,775	3,351	4,127	255,507	557,759
Mar., 1944..	1,961	44,964	154,935	150,478	9,775	3,346	3,975	224,573	594,007

(a) Includes Treasury Bills.

COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA.

Average for Quarters ended—	General Banking Department.							Note Issue and General Banking Depart- ment.	Notes held outside Com- mon- wealth Bank. (d)
	Business within Australia.								
	Deposits.			Balances Due to other Banks.	Special War-time Deposits lodged by all Trading Banks.	Advances, &c., and Short- term Loans.	Govern- ment and Municipal Securities. (b)	Sterling Reserve and Short Call Money in London. (c)	
	Not Bearing Interest. (a)	Bearing Interest.	Total.						
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
June, 1939..	18,128	43,275	61,403	18,746	..	18,948	44,935	32,866	44,128
" 1940..	30,054	50,169	80,223	28,968	..	37,412	33,086	58,539	51,606
" 1941..	28,699	55,150	83,849	29,078	..	24,626	37,976	74,201	63,724
" 1942..	29,815	57,132	86,947	33,076	37,286	32,129	100,057	58,590	94,917
" 1943..	50,953	98,684	149,637	25,885	100,844	27,026	213,961	80,913	133,350
Sept., 1943..	53,865	78,258	132,123	33,051	106,735	24,863	213,733	84,148	141,826
Dec., 1943..	56,326	77,849	134,175	33,539	125,132	22,662	234,985	89,889	152,864
Mar., 1944..	52,426	78,583	131,009	41,812	151,207	27,823	249,317	107,092	164,387

(a) Government "Set-off" accounts, Interstate deducted. (b) Includes Treasury Bills. (c) Not to be taken as a measure of Net London Funds. (d) Notes held by Other Banks and by Public. See page 31 for details of Note Issue.

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS.(a)

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S. Aust.	W. Aust.	Tas.	N. Terr.	Aust. Cap. Terr.	Total.
June—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1939 ..	87,474	80,461	29,045	27,397	12,396	8,396	99	319	245,587
1940 ..	82,111	79,145	28,252	26,563	11,860	8,518	192	350	236,991
1941 ..	87,750	85,689	29,089	27,510	12,521	8,941	357	374	252,231
1942 ..	94,538	94,226	31,214	30,616	13,821	9,472	(b)	388	274,275
1943 ..	122,405	121,249	45,197	38,563	18,884	11,175	(b)	522	357,995
1943—									
Jan. ..	109,220	108,230	38,596	34,445	16,525	10,221	(b)	448	317,685
Feb. ..	112,818	111,532	39,644	35,436	17,053	10,528	(b)	480	327,491
Mar. ..	115,642	114,326	40,948	36,425	17,562	10,706	(b)	502	336,111
1944—									
Jan. ..	146,283	140,694	57,374	44,499	22,958	12,863	(b)	569	425,240
Feb. ..	150,375	144,034	59,055	45,488	23,570	13,274	(b)	603	436,399
Mar. ..	154,154	146,615	60,594	46,339	24,153	13,552	(b)	639	446,046

(a) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank.

(b) Deposits transferred to South Australia.

NOTE.—In addition to the savings shown above a net amount (i.e., total less re-purchases), of £41,774,000 was subscribed for War Savings Certificates between March, 1940, and March, 1944.

COMMONWEALTH SAVINGS BANK—DEPOSITS.

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
June—	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.
1939 ..	87,474	11,242	29,045	3,167	12,896	2,358	99	319	146,100
1940 ..	82,111	11,785	28,252	3,094	11,860	2,297	192	350	139,941
1941 ..	87,750	13,942	29,089	3,509	12,521	2,423	357	374	149,965
1942 ..	94,538	16,910	31,214	4,684	13,821	2,705	(a)	388	164,260
1943 ..	122,405	23,732	45,197	6,311	18,884	3,542	(a)	522	220,593
1943—									
Jan. ..	109,220	20,665	38,596	5,594	16,525	3,109	(a)	448	194,157
Feb. ..	112,818	21,424	39,644	5,776	17,053	3,204	(a)	480	200,399
Mar. ..	115,642	22,310	40,948	6,002	17,562	3,287	(a)	502	206,253
1944—									
Jan. ..	146,283	28,194	57,374	7,686	22,958	4,196	(a)	569	267,260
Feb. ..	150,375	29,028	59,055	7,881	23,570	4,332	(a)	603	274,844
Mar. ..	154,154	29,699	60,594	8,041	24,153	4,464	(a)	639	281,744

(a) Deposits transferred to South Australia.

BANK CLEARING HOUSES.—AVERAGE WEEKLY VALUE OF BILLS, CHEQUES, ETC., CLEARED.

Weekly Average.	Sydney.		Melbourne.		Brisbane	Adelaide	Perth.	Hobart.
	Total Clearings.	Clearings less Treasury Bill transactions.(a)	Total Clearings.	Clearings less Treasury Bill transactions.(a)				
Year 1940 ..	£'000. 26,073	£'000. 20,538	£'000. 19,380	£'000. 18,829	£'000. 4,803	£'000. 3,426	£'000. 2,293	£'000. 701
„ 1941 ..	26,978	21,841	21,621	21,010	4,676	3,763	2,284	699
„ 1942 ..	29,157	23,983	24,555	24,228	5,284	4,226	2,398	774
„ 1943 ..	32,351	27,649	27,109	27,061	6,424	4,760	2,638	860
1944—								
1st Jan., to 31st Jan. ..	28,833	24,808	25,483	25,436	6,052	4,454	2,969	944
1st Feb. to 28th Feb. ..	34,135	28,983	27,524	27,498	6,862	5,531	2,801	872
29th Feb. to 27th Mar. ..	34,159	28,878	28,526	28,500	7,314	5,202	2,708	891

(a) Average weekly clearings excluding transactions connected with the issue and redemption of Treasury Bills. These abnormal transactions have been in operation in Victoria since October, 1929, and in New South Wales, since October, 1930.

Section V.—Railways, Aircraft, Motor Vehicles and Wireless.

A.—Railways.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS OPEN FOR TRAFFIC.

Heading.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
Government—	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.	Miles.
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114	6,141	6,127	6,127	6,127
Victoria ..	4,769	4,759	4,759	4,766	4,768
Queensland ..	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,567
South Australia ..	2,557	2,557	2,557	2,557	2,547
Western Australia ..	4,378	4,381	4,381	4,381	4,381
Tasmania ..	658	645	642	642	642
Total ..	27,234	27,251	27,234	27,241	27,223

CAPITAL COST OF CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT.(a)

Government.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
	£	£	£	£	£
Commonwealth ..	17,032,884	17,191,356	17,332,574	17,433,858	17,700,704
New South Wales ..	147,617,530	149,203,908	149,575,526	150,661,127	151,849,840
Victoria ..	52,448,789	52,037,722	52,229,383	52,718,195	52,637,204
Queensland ..	38,419,013	38,891,138	39,299,815	39,349,083	39,479,733
South Australia ..	29,732,889	30,109,220	30,399,735	30,801,278	31,290,224
Western Australia ..	26,021,781	26,187,632	26,309,388	26,393,048	26,362,545
Tasmania ..	2,140,330	2,155,261	2,248,034	2,348,784	2,497,290
Total(b) ..	315,860,188	318,223,209	319,841,427	322,152,345	324,264,512

AVERAGE MILES WORKED.

Government.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
Commonwealth ..	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201	2,201
New South Wales ..	6,114	6,118	6,127	6,127	6,127
Victoria ..	4,754	4,759	4,759	4,746	4,758
Queensland ..	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,567	6,567
South Australia ..	2,557	2,557	2,557	2,557	2,549
Western Australia ..	4,376	4,380	4,381	4,381	4,381
Tasmania ..	658	644	642	642	642
Total ..	27,227	27,226	27,234	27,221	27,225

TRAFFIC TRAIN-MILES RUN(c)—'000 OMITTED.

Commonwealth ..	902	958	1,234	2,322	3,473
New South Wales ..	30,106	29,471	32,285	33,368	33,900
Victoria ..	17,890	17,008	17,767	18,249	18,437
Queensland ..	13,927	14,190	14,603	16,396	19,851
South Australia ..	6,177	5,928	5,892	6,599	6,792
Western Australia ..	6,575	6,134	6,144	6,355	6,340
Tasmania ..	1,906	2,064	2,167	2,176	2,217
Total ..	77,483	75,753	80,092	88,465	96,110

GROSS REVENUE—£'000 OMITTED.

Commonwealth ..	547	622	971	2,195	3,746
New South Wales ..	19,946	20,755	24,016	28,487	34,872
Victoria ..	9,284	9,861	11,239	14,520	17,030
Queensland ..	7,798	8,090	8,415	11,654	18,027
South Australia ..	3,119	3,168	3,512	4,944	5,811
Western Australia ..	3,599	3,556	3,572	3,996	4,417
Tasmania ..	487	536	600	686	843
Total ..	44,780	46,588	52,325	66,482	84,746

(a) Capital has been reduced during the past fifteen years by approximately £61,500,000 (Victoria, £25,700,000; Queensland, £28,000,000; South Australia, £3,100,000; Tasmania £4,700,000).

(b) Includes £2,446,972, Commonwealth proportion of Grafton-South Brisbane Line capital not included with States.

(c) Excludes "Assistant" and "Light" mileages.

(d) Estimated.

(e) Partly estimated.

(f) Revised estimate.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—continued.

Government.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.	1941-42.	1942-43.
WORKING EXPENSES—£'000 OMITTED.					
Commonwealth	642	842	903	1,506	2,171
New South Wales	14,543	14,647	17,162	21,713	27,343
Victoria	8,060	8,058	8,959	11,600	14,040
Queensland	6,193	6,368	6,708	8,488	11,400
South Australia	2,931	2,937	3,062	3,856	4,661
Western Australia	2,911	2,828	2,758	3,026	3,447
Tasmania	678	688	757	854	965
Total	35,958	36,368	40,309	51,043	64,027

NET EARNINGS—£'000 OMITTED.					
Commonwealth	—95	—220	68	689	1,575
New South Wales	5,403	6,108	6,854	6,774	7,529
Victoria	1,224	1,803	2,280	2,920	2,990
Queensland	1,605	1,722	1,707	3,166	6,627
South Australia	188	231	450	1,088	1,150
Western Australia	688	728	814	970	970
Tasmania	—191	—152	—157	—168	—122
Total	8,822	10,220	12,016	15,439	20,719

PERCENTAGE OF NET EARNINGS ON CAPITAL COST.(a)					
Commonwealth	% —0.56	% —1.28	% 0.39	% 3.95	% 8.90
New South Wales	3.66	4.09	4.58	4.50	4.95
Victoria	2.33	3.47	4.37	5.54	5.68
Queensland	4.18	4.43	4.34	8.05	16.78
South Australia	0.63	0.77	1.48	3.53	3.67
Western Australia	2.64	2.78	3.09	3.68	3.68
Tasmania	—8.91	—7.02	—6.99	—7.16	—4.88
Total (b)	2.79	3.21	3.76	4.79	6.39

Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

(a) See note (a) on previous page. On the basis of the original capital the adjusted percentages for 1942-43 are as follows:—Victoria, 3.82; Queensland, 9.82; South Australia, 3.35; Tasmania, —1.68; Total, 5.37. (b) Includes Commonwealth proportion capital Grafton-South Brisbane Line (see note (b) on previous page).

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS.
PARTICULARS FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1942.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open	2,201	6,127	4,764	6,497	2,547	4,381	642	27,159
cRevenue—								
cCoaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	419	6,983	3,738	2,349	832	630	141	15,092
cGoods, including live stock and minerals £	1,227	9,551	4,084	6,336	1,855	1,430	235	24,718
cMiscellaneous £	36	(d) 744	593	(e)	214	80	16	1,683
cTotal Revenue £	1,682	(f) 17,278	8,415	8,685	2,901	2,140	392	41,493
cExpenditure £	959	12,596	5,581	4,634	2,133	1,627	(g) 418	27,948
cTrain-miles run	1,733	20,900	9,338	9,826	3,449	(h) 3,216	(i) 1,121	49,583
Earnings per train-mile	19s. 5d.	16s. 6d.	18s. 0d.	17s. 8d.	16s. 10d.	13s. 4d.	7s. 0d.	16s. 9d.
Expenditure per train-mile	11s. 1d.	12s. 1d.	11s. 11d.	9s. 5d.	12s. 4d.	10s. 1d.	7s. 5d.	11s. 3d.
Earnings per cent. on	57.00	72.90	66.32	53.37	73.52	76.00	106.57	67.35
cPassenger-journeys, No.	208	116,156	96,118	15,636	15,284	8,116	1,646	253,164
cCoal and Coke carried, tons	4	(j)	(j)	529	92	138	150	(l)
cOther Minerals carried, tons	8	(j)	(i)	232	279	85	(k)	(l)
cLive Stock carried, tons	21	(m) 400	(m) 371	285	140	77	15	1,309
cOther Goods carried ..	197	9,613	3,844	2,459	1,254	916	322	18,605
cTotal Freight carried „	230	10,013	4,215	3,505	1,765	1,216	487	21,431

(a) Excludes Grafton-South Brisbane Line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) '000 omitted.
(d) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods.
(e) Included with Coaching. (f) Excludes Governmental contributions towards losses on non-paying developmental lines. (g) Excludes depreciation. (h) Includes Assistant and Light Miles. (i) Includes Assistant, Light and Rail-Motor Miles. (j) Included with Other Goods.
(k) Included with Coal and Coke. (l) Not available. (m) Estimated.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS—continued.

PARTICULARS FOR SIX MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER, 1943.

Particulars.	C'wealth.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land. (a)	S.A.(b)	W.A.	Tas.	Total.
Miles open	2,201	6,128	4,758	6,497	2,548	4,381	642	27,155
cRevenue—								
cCoaching (Passengers, Parcels, Mails, &c.) £	435	7,189	3,591	2,751	830	689	147	15,632
cGoods, including live stock and minerals £	1,313	9,729	4,015	5,554	1,937	1,433	251	24,232
cMiscellaneous £	34	(d) 804	599	(e)	212	88	24	1,761
cTotal Revenue £	1,782	f 17,722	8,205	8,305	2,979	2,210	422	41,625
cExpenditure £	1,135	13,275	6,330	5,582	2,416	1,936	(g) 492	31,166
cTrain-miles run ..	1,767	21,540	8,552	10,177	3,408	(h) 3,059	(i) 1,099	49,602
Earnings per train-mile	20s. 2d.	16s. 6d.	19s. 2d.	16s. 4d.	17s. 6d.	14s. 5d.	7s. 8d.	16s. 9d.
Expenditure per train-mile	12s. 10d.	12s. 4d.	14s. 10d.	11s. 0d.	14s. 2d.	12s. 8d.	8s. 11d.	12s. 7d.
Expenditure per cent. on Earnings %	63.68	74.85	77.15	67.21	81.10	87.60	116.51	74.87
cPassenger-journeys, No.	247	123,127	97,953	18,491	13,908	9,215	1,535	264,476
cCoal and Coke carried, tons	2	(j)	(j)	510	106	131	148	(l)
cOther Minerals carried, tons	4	(j)	(j)	178	224	54	(k)	(l)
cLive Stock carried, tons	24	(m) 400	(m) 270	263	143	87	329	1,516
cOther Goods carried ..	233	9,647	3,855	2,401	1,366	915	14	18,431
cTotal Freight carried ..	263	10,047	4,125	3,352	1,839	1,187	491	21,304

(a) Excludes Grafton—South Brisbane Line. (b) Includes Road Motors. (c) '000 omitted.
 (d) From sale of electrical energy only; other miscellaneous included with Coaching and Goods.
 (e) Included with Coaching. (f) Excludes Governmental contributions towards losses on non-paying
 developmental lines. (g) Excludes depreciation. (h) Includes Assistant and Light Miles.
 (i) Includes Assistant, Light and Rail-Motor Miles. (j) Included with Other Goods. (k) Included
 with Coal and Coke. (l) Not available. (m) Estimated.

B.—Civil Aviation.(a)

Particulars.	Six Months ended December—				
	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.
Registered Aircraft owners					
(c) No.	149	137	120	119	(e) 128
Registered Aircraft(c) ..	296	288	202	192	(e) 184
Licensed Pilots—(c)					
Private	1,096	(b) 1,225	502	240	171
Commercial	346	(b) 324	187	181	233
Licensed Ground Engi- neers(c)	525	(b) 651	617	717	924
Aerodromes—(c)					
Government	71	73	79	72	69
Public	213	224	212	207	207
Government Emer- gency Grounds	147	141	116	116	96
Hours flown	62,366	39,150	36,814	26,580	39,781
Approximate mileage Miles '000	6,626	4,873	4,730	3,471	5,098
Passengers carried No.	73,952	69,345	88,677	65,391	106,480
Goods, Weight carried lb. '000	938	989	1,327	1,125	1,389
Mails, Weight carried(d) .. '000	247	209	521	630	1,437
Accidents—					
Persons killed .. No.	7	..	4	2	1
.. injured	1	1	3	..	..

(a) Includes particulars of the Darwin-Singapore overseas service, but excludes those relating to
 civil aviation in New Guinea. (b) Includes licences issued for New Guinea. (c) At 30th June
 of year shown above each column. (d) Includes gross weight of overseas mail, i.e., includes weight
 of mail bags. (e) At 31st October, 1943.

NOTE:—Figures for flying operations during 1942–43 and after refer to the larger organizations only.

C.—Telephones.

Particulars.	At 30th June, 1940.	At 30th June, 1941.	At 30th June, 1942.	At 30th June, 1943.	At 31st Mar., 1944.
Lines connected .. No.	506,612	525,547	531,075	540,261	551,882
Instruments connected ..	691,088	720,321	738,666	766,846	791,671

MOTOR VEHICLES.

D.—Motor Vehicles.

State or Territory.	No. of Registrations.				Drivers' and Riders' Licences Issued.	Gross Revenue.			
	Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor Cycles.	Total.		Vehicles' Registration and Motor Tax. £	Drivers' and Riders' &c., Licences. £	Miscellaneous. £	Total. £
1942-43.									
New South Wales ..	174,537	73,072	14,164	261,773	414,972	1,989,150	208,767	68,364	2,266,281
Victoria ..	131,417	85,937	16,275	233,629	329,595	1,370,090	82,402	75,248	1,527,740
Queensland ..	64,705	45,703	5,432	115,840	235,411	640,708	55,812	55,694	752,214
South Australia ..	53,933	22,719	5,977	82,629	113,556	497,061	57,869	12,869	567,799
Western Australia ..	29,805	21,429	3,936	55,170	62,250	306,780	20,002	33,417	360,199
Tasmania ..	15,844	5,582	2,454	23,880	25,636	167,031	12,813	21,729	201,578
Northern Territory ..	152	1,064	13	1,229	1,427	1,932	455	..	2,887
Australian Capital Territory ..	1,349	427	70	1,846	2,551	9,882	1,384	95	11,361
Total ..	471,742	255,933	48,321	775,996	1,185,398	4,982,634	439,509	267,416	5,689,559
Total, 1941-42 ..	450,851	250,515	49,467	750,833	1,186,672	5,523,625	444,573	231,704	6,204,902

REGISTRATIONS AT 31ST MARCH, 1944.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	(b)N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.
Motor Cars ..	180,334	133,921	67,882	57,669	29,807	16,719	152	1,419	487,903
Commercial Vehicles, &c. ..	77,380	91,506	49,629	24,102	21,778	6,192	1,064	416	272,067
Motor Cycles ..	14,597	17,567	5,956	6,590	4,106	2,533	13	85	51,447
Total ..	272,311	242,994	123,467	88,361	(a)55,691	25,444	1,229	1,920	811,417
Total at 31st Mar., 1943 ..	260,873	230,884	114,082	83,326	53,627	23,650	1,896	1,890	770,228

(a) Includes extra-metropolitan area as at 29th February, 1944.

(b) At 30th June, 1943.

REGISTRATIONS OF NEW VEHICLES DURING THE NINE MONTHS ENDED MARCH, 1944.

Vehicles.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	(a)S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Total.
Motor Cars ..	144	441	22	21	18	21	2	669
Commercial Vehicles, &c. ..	2,803	2,520	1,982	885	807	413	8	9,418
Motor Cycles ..	98	47	19	5	94	..	..	263
Total ..	3,045	3,008	2,023	911	(b) 919	434	10	10,350
Total, Nine Months ended Mar., 1943 ..	1,086	1,330	623	356	393	94	7	3,889

(a) Excludes Northern Territory.

(b) Subject to revision.

NOTE.—In each of the tables above particulars of primary producers' vehicles, Victoria, are included under the heading Commercial Vehicles, &c.

E.—Wireless.

NUMBER OF BROADCAST LISTENERS' LICENCES.

In force at—	N.S.W. (a)	Victoria.	Q'land. (b)	S. Aust. (c)	W. Aust.	Tasmania.	Australia.
30th June, 1931 ..	122,470	137,005	24,108	30,238	9,075	8,232	331,128
" " 1932 ..	141,450	139,323	28,958	37,142	12,679	9,540	369,092
" " 1933 ..	178,000	170,995	36,186	50,150	20,536	12,563	468,480
" " 1934 ..	226,831	206,995	52,038	64,174	31,404	16,547	597,989
" " 1935 ..	278,648	236,886	67,369	76,365	41,176	20,088	720,582
" " 1936 ..	315,731	263,414	83,028	87,335	49,987	24,118	823,613
" " 1937 ..	358,292	288,717	101,358	99,033	61,151	29,780	938,331
" " 1938 ..	403,978	315,406	117,496	111,787	71,324	36,013	1,056,004
" " 1939 ..	433,029	327,579	133,217	117,307	79,262	39,392	1,129,786
" " 1940 ..	458,155	348,158	151,110	124,891	87,764	42,182	1,212,260
" " 1941 ..	494,884	362,790	168,216	131,292	91,368	44,716	1,293,266
" " 1942 ..	500,451	371,502	172,527	137,244	91,945	46,404	1,320,073
" " 1943(d) ..	552,044	390,950	177,846	151,258	97,785	49,910	1,419,793
31st Mar., 1944(d) ..	560,665	401,846	179,140	153,748	98,853	50,187	1,444,439

(a) Includes Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes Papua.

(c) Includes Northern Territory.

(d) Includes licences in respect of more than one receiver owned by one person.

Section VI.—Labour and Industrial Statistics.

TRADE UNIONS.

Number of Trade Unions, Branch Unions and Membership.

Year.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Total.	Australia
NUMBER OF SEPARATE UNIONS.										
1938	194	147	111	114	136	78	6	15	801	(a)366
1939	200	149	114	117	141	79	4	15	819	(a)380
1940	196	147	115	118	140	77	4	15	812	(a)381
1941	193	146	115	117	141	76	4	15	807	(a)374
1942	194	142	113	113	138	73	4	15	792	(a)377

NUMBER OF BRANCHES.										
1938	573	400	314	179	202	58	..	1	1,727	(b)2,162
1939	598	398	312	178	204	69	..	1	1,760	(b)2,199
1940	601	387	309	174	209	71	..	1	1,752	(b)2,183
1941	599	386	309	174	208	71	..	1	1,748	(b)2,181
1942	597	382	308	174	208	71	..	1	1,741	(b)2,156

NUMBER OF MEMBERS.										
1938	346,837	215,021	169,569	62,404	67,932	21,051	806	1,538	885,158	885,158
1939	358,391	216,803	180,653	67,282	67,833	22,062	761	1,635	915,470	915,470
1940	364,202	232,288	189,732	73,503	68,271	24,556	1,405	1,905	955,862	955,862
1941	425,622	270,343	192,015	95,289	65,015	24,292	1,406	1,798	1,075,680	1,075,680
1942	483,039	302,782	190,578	111,388	64,535	26,893	1,406	1,796	1,182,417	1,182,417

(a) Allowing for Interstate duplication. The figures represent the number of distinct organizations and Interstate groups of organizations in Australia. They do not represent the total number of organizations which are practically independent and self-governing. (b) Includes not only branches of separate State unions and sub-branches in each State of Interstate unions, but also head State branches of Interstate unions.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN TRADE UNIONS.

Unemployment—Australia—Number, Membership of Reporting Unions and Branches, and Number and Percentage Unemployed.(a)

Period.					Unions.	Membership.	UNEMPLOYED.	
							Number.	Percentage. (b)
1939	Year	..	..	..	396	476,918	45,967	9.7
1940	"	..	..	..	394	491,352	39,116	8.0
1941	"	..	..	..	395	536,660	20,013	3.7
1942	"	..	..	..	394	613,534	9,768	1.6
1943	"	..	..	..	390	678,713	7,545	1.1
1932—June	Quarter(c)	..	..	..	396	413,742	124,068	30.0
1940—June	"	..	..	..	388	475,815	49,775	10.5
September	"	..	..	..	397	496,872	36,892	7.4
December	"	..	..	..	396	508,914	31,491	6.2
1941—March	"	..	..	..	398	514,379	27,289	5.3
June	"	..	..	..	395	517,696	18,595	3.6
September	"	..	..	..	394	541,883	17,541	3.2
December	"	..	..	..	394	572,680	16,623	2.9
1942—March	"	..	..	..	394	588,525	10,767	1.8
June	"	..	..	..	394	603,066	10,296	1.7
September	"	..	..	..	394	617,076	9,603	1.6
December	"	..	..	..	394	645,467	8,350	1.3
1943—March	"	..	..	..	391	665,334	8,021	1.2
June	"	..	..	..	390	680,292	7,423	1.1
September	"	..	..	..	390	682,557	7,356	1.1
December	"	..	..	..	390	686,667	7,381	1.1
1944—March	"	..	..	..	390	688,381	6,987	1.0

NOTE.—The unions covered by the returns represent 56 per cent. of the total membership of unions, and relate to between 20 and 25 per cent. of all wage and salary earners. The value of the percentages of unemployment derived from Trade Union returns is in the indication they give of the trend of unemployment among trade unionists as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

(a) The quarterly figures show the number of persons who were out of work for three days or more during a specified week in each quarter; they include sickness but not persons out of work through strikes or lockouts, except those outside the industry concerned who are indirectly affected. The annual figures represent the average of the four quarters. (b) A more extended table of percentages will be found on page 70. (c) Peak of unemployment.

Unemployment (a)—States—Percentage Unemployed.

Period.				N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'land	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust
				%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1938 Year	..	..	..	9.9	8.6	6.4	8.3	5.7	7.9	8.7
1939 "	..	..	..	11.0	10.4	5.9	9.3	7.1	8.1	9.7
1940 "	..	..	..	11.0	5.8	5.5	7.0	5.6	5.2	8.0
1941 "	..	..	..	4.7	2.5	4.5	2.7	2.9	3.3	3.7
1942 "	..	..	..	1.8	1.2	2.3	1.1	1.6	0.8	1.6
1943 "	..	..	..	1.4	0.7	1.2	0.9	1.5	1.3	1.1
1932—June	Quarter (b)			33.2	27.7	19.9	35.2	30.3	27.5	30.0
1939—June	..	..	..	10.6	10.4	5.7	9.5	6.2	9.4	9.5
September	..	..	..	11.6	11.2	5.8	9.4	8.2	8.3	10.2
December	..	..	..	11.1	9.0	5.8	9.1	6.6	7.1	9.3
1940—March	..	..	..	9.7	6.5	5.8	8.5	6.9	4.8	7.9
June	..	..	..	15.9	6.6	6.8	8.3	5.6	5.0	10.5
September	..	..	..	9.8	5.9	4.9	6.6	6.0	4.6	7.4
December	..	..	..	8.5	4.3	4.5	4.7	4.0	6.5	6.2
1941—March	..	..	..	7.0	3.2	5.9	3.9	4.3	3.6	5.3
June	..	..	..	4.5	2.4	4.2	2.8	3.1	2.4	3.6
September	..	..	..	4.0	2.2	4.1	2.3	2.4	2.6	3.2
December	..	..	..	3.5	2.1	3.8	1.8	1.8	4.5	2.9
1942—March	..	..	..	2.0	1.4	3.2	1.0	1.7	0.7	1.8
June	..	..	..	1.9	1.2	2.6	1.3	1.7	0.6	1.7
September	..	..	..	1.9	1.2	1.8	1.1	1.8	0.9	1.6
December	..	..	..	1.5	0.9	1.6	0.9	1.3	0.8	1.3
1943—March	..	..	..	1.4	0.8	1.5	1.0	1.6	1.3	1.2
June	..	..	..	1.3	0.6	1.3	1.0	1.5	1.2	1.1
September	..	..	..	1.3	0.7	1.1	0.9	1.7	1.2	1.1
December	..	..	..	1.4	0.7	0.9	0.8	1.4	1.4	1.1
1944—March	..	..	..	1.3	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.5	0.7	1.0

NOTE.—For some States the returns are a more representative sample than for others. The table above, therefore, should not be read as indicating the relative degree of unemployment among trade unionists in the individual States, but as an indication of trend of unemployment as reported by secretaries of Trade Unions.

(a) See notes to table on page 49. (b) Peak of unemployment. (c) Coal-mining employees out of work owing to the industrial dispute were excluded from the tabulation, but persons in other industries indirectly unemployed owing to the dispute were included.

Unemployment (a)—Australia—Percentages in Industrial Groups.

Industrial Group.	1932.	1942.	1943.				1944.
	June Qtr.(b)	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.
Manufacturing—	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
I. Wood, Furniture, &c. . .	39.6	0.8	1.0	0.8	1.3	1.1	1.1
II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c. . .	33.9	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6
III. Food, Drink, Tobacco, &c. . .	19.3	3.8	3.4	3.4	3.1	2.4	2.3
IV. Clothing, Hats, Boots, &c. . .	22.6	0.6	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8
V. Books, Printing, &c. . .	16.8	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3
VI. Other Manufacturing . .	43.0	1.4	0.9	0.8	0.9	1.2	1.0
VII. Building . . .	42.1	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.4
VIII. Mining, Quarrying, &c. . .	34.2	3.5	3.6	3.7	3.5	3.3	3.0
X. Land Transport other than Railway and Tramway Services . .	29.6	2.3	1.6	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.4
IX., XI., XII., XIII., and XIV.(c) Other and Miscellaneous . .	22.2	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.0	0.8
All Groups . . .	30.0	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0

(a) See notes to table on page 49.

(b) Peak of unemployment.

(c) For classification see p. 54.

AUSTRALIA.—Wage and Salary Earners in Civil Employment.

Month.	Total Employment.(a) (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces.)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities. (b)	Private Employers.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Building and Construction. (d)	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (e)
MALES (Thousands).										
1933—June	262.2	723.8	986.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1939—July	349.8	943.3	1,293.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1941—July	375.3	988.1	1,363.4	54.4	490.9	144.0	202.3	102.0	117.1	127.1
Nov.	381.3	1,000.0	1,381.3	53.9	509.8	136.5	207.3	101.9	117.9	127.2
1942—July	417.8	890.6	1,308.4	47.7	513.1	116.8	205.3	79.4	96.6	111.8
1943—Jan.	415.8	870.1	1,285.9	45.8	516.7	97.9	205.3	74.6	93.5	107.0
Feb.	415.4	870.6	1,286.0	45.1	518.5	96.6	205.7	73.7	92.9	107.2
April	412.0	865.3	1,277.3	44.1	521.9	92.7	204.2	72.2	90.2	107.3
May	410.0	865.7	1,275.7	45.0	520.8	91.9	203.8	71.7	89.5	107.0
June	409.3	864.6	1,273.9	45.0	520.5	91.3	205.1	71.4	88.8	106.5
July	409.7	860.5	1,270.2	44.8	519.0	89.7	206.1	71.0	87.7	106.6
Aug.	409.3	860.4	1,269.7	44.7	518.6	91.6	205.8	70.3	88.1	106.6
Sept.	408.3	859.5	1,267.8	44.6	517.5	91.7	205.9	70.0	87.4	107.0
Oct.	407.7	863.0	1,270.7	44.7	518.1	91.1	207.2	69.8	88.0	107.6
Nov.	405.8	865.2	1,271.0	44.6	516.2	90.8	207.7	70.2	88.8	108.2
Dec.	405.9	866.2	1,272.1	44.2	512.9	89.4	207.4	72.6	89.1	109.0
1944—Jan.	406.1	866.7	1,272.8	44.1	515.2	86.9	208.6	70.7	89.8	109.2
Feb.	405.3	868.9	1,274.2	44.4	516.2	85.3	210.2	70.3	90.3	109.7

FEMALES (Thousands).

1933—June	46.5	278.2	324.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1939—July	55.2	381.9	437.1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1941—July	70.8	477.7	548.5	0.5	187.8	1.9	21.1	102.3	44.1	148.1
Nov.	76.3	494.7	571.0	0.5	198.2	2.0	22.0	106.4	47.4	150.4
1942—July	102.4	496.5	598.9	0.6	212.3	2.1	26.4	103.0	52.3	152.5
1943—Jan.	117.7	497.2	614.9	0.6	220.8	2.2	31.2	100.4	53.4	152.5
Feb.	120.3	501.3	621.6	0.6	223.9	2.3	31.8	99.7	53.6	154.3
April	125.2	504.7	629.9	0.6	229.1	2.3	33.0	98.7	53.3	156.6
May	126.0	504.7	630.7	0.6	228.1	2.4	33.5	98.7	52.9	157.5
June	129.2	502.1	631.3	0.5	228.5	2.3	34.5	98.2	52.5	157.2
July	133.4	500.0	633.4	0.5	227.9	2.4	35.6	97.8	52.7	158.1
Aug.	134.4	501.3	635.7	0.6	227.8	2.4	35.9	97.0	52.9	159.6
Sept.	133.6	503.2	636.8	0.5	227.2	2.3	35.9	96.8	53.0	160.4
Oct.	134.1	505.8	639.9	0.5	227.1	2.4	35.9	96.6	53.0	162.7
Nov.	134.4	506.9	641.3	0.5	226.3	2.4	36.3	97.3	52.9	163.5
Dec.	134.1	507.4	641.5	0.5	224.2	2.4	36.7	99.6	52.3	162.7
1944—Jan.	133.8	502.6	636.4	0.7	221.8	2.4	36.6	95.3	52.3	163.3
Feb.	134.1	503.9	638.0	0.6	221.6	2.4	37.1	95.2	52.5	164.3

PERSONS (Thousands).

1933—June	308.7	1,002.0	1,310.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1939—July	405.0	1,325.2	1,730.2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1941—July	446.1	1,465.8	1,911.9	54.9	678.7	145.9	223.4	204.3	161.2	275.2
Nov.	457.6	1,494.7	1,952.3	54.4	708.0	138.5	229.3	208.3	165.3	277.6
1942—July	520.2	1,387.1	1,907.3	48.3	725.4	118.9	231.7	182.4	148.9	264.3
1943—Jan.	533.5	1,367.3	1,900.8	46.4	737.5	100.1	236.5	175.0	146.9	259.5
Feb.	535.7	1,371.9	1,907.6	45.7	742.4	98.9	237.5	173.4	146.5	261.5
April	537.2	1,370.0	1,907.2	44.7	751.6	95.0	237.2	170.9	143.5	263.9
May	536.0	1,370.4	1,906.4	45.6	748.9	94.3	237.3	170.4	142.4	264.5
June	538.5	1,366.7	1,905.2	45.5	749.0	93.6	239.6	169.6	141.3	263.7
July	543.1	1,360.5	1,903.6	45.3	746.9	92.1	241.7	168.8	140.4	264.7
Aug.	543.7	1,361.7	1,905.4	45.3	746.4	94.0	241.7	167.3	141.0	266.2
Sept.	541.9	1,362.7	1,904.6	45.1	744.7	94.0	241.8	166.8	140.4	267.4
Oct.	541.8	1,368.8	1,910.6	45.2	745.2	93.5	243.1	166.4	141.0	270.3
Nov.	540.2	1,372.1	1,912.3	45.1	742.5	93.2	244.0	167.5	141.7	271.7
Dec.	540.0	1,373.6	1,913.6	44.7	737.1	91.8	244.1	172.2	141.4	271.7
1944—Jan.	539.9	1,369.3	1,909.2	44.8	737.0	89.3	245.2	166.0	142.1	272.5
Feb.	539.4	1,372.8	1,912.2	45.0	737.8	87.7	247.3	165.5	142.8	274.0

(a) Employees in the defence forces at home or abroad, and Government "relief" workers are excluded. From July, 1941, estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures to June, 1943, are final. (b) Includes employees of Australian Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) and of Allied Governments. (c) From July, 1942, monthly figures are subject to slight revision. (d) Includes Allied Works Council projects. (e) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except private domestic).

EMPLOYMENT IN FACTORIES.

(Number of Employees in Thousands excluding Working Proprietors.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.				
							Governmental (Munitions, Aircraft and Ships). (a)	Other Factories (including War Contractors).	Total Factories.	Index 1928-29=100.	
										Unadjusted.	Divided by Index of Total Population.
1928-29 ..	174.1	149.3	43.4	35.4	19.8	10.0	7.1	424.0	432.0	100	100
1935-36 ..	186.0	175.3	43.1	37.2	19.9	11.0	6.1	466.4	472.5	109	103
1936-37 ..	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	6.6	492.6	499.2	116	108
1937-38 ..	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	7.4	528.5	535.9	124	115
1938-39 ..	219.5	198.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	10.1	532.1	542.2	126	116
1939-40 ..	227.1	204.4	53.0	43.5	21.9	14.0	16.9	547.0	563.9	131	119
1940-41 ..	257.0	229.7	54.8	49.5	21.8	15.1	41.5	586.4	627.9	145	131
1941-42 ..	289.3	250.5	59.5	63.8	23.0	16.7	79.8	623.0	702.8	163	146
1942-43(b) ..	306.4	255.7	62.0	71.5	25.1	18.0	121.8	616.9	738.7	171	151
1942-43(b)—December ..	306.8	256.0	60.7	71.3	24.6	17.5	121.0	615.9	736.9	171	151
June ..	313.5	254.6	64.0	71.2	26.8	18.9	130.3	618.7	749.0	173	152
1943-44(c)—September ..	314.2	252.4	63.3	69.2	26.9	18.7	125.2	619.5	744.7	172	151
December ..	312.8	252.5	58.5	66.7	26.7	19.9	116.1	621.0	737.1	171	150
1944—January ..	311.2	252.9	59.3	66.7	26.8	20.1	114.3	622.7	737.0	171	150
February ..	310.8	253.0	60.4	66.4	26.7	20.5	112.8	625.0	737.8	171	150

(a) Includes Government establishments, annexes, and certain private firms engaged in aircraft and ship-building, but excludes most private factories engaged on war contracts. (b) Final revised figures except for Queensland which is subject to revision, and Australia (total). (c) From July, 1943, monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision.

EMPLOYMENT IN RETAIL STORES.

PAY-ROLL TAX.—Employees on the last pay-roll of each month shown on returns of taxable employers whose principal activity was retail trade.

Month.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Australia (Six States).	
							Index.	Number.

MALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.

Employees—July, 1941	31,868	23,782	10,701	7,278	4,746	2,529	..	80,904
1941—July ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	80,904
1942—December ..	773	736	776	783	726	792	761	61,687
1943—September ..	688	688	679	711	672	762	690	55,850
December ..	720	701	710	741	696	777	715	57,853
1944—January ..	689	693	690	731	695	782	698	56,430
February ..	684	693	681	730	687	783	694	56,121

FEMALES—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.

Employees—July, 1941	31,840	22,088	8,533	7,184	4,832	2,067	..	76,544
1941—July ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	76,544
1942—December ..	1,032	975	1,094	1,019	1,043	1,057	1,022	78,266
1943—September ..	921	928	1,004	948	938	976	937	71,739
December ..	981	933	1,051	972	981	990	974	74,560
1944—January ..	917	901	1,001	964	954	990	931	71,263
February ..	912	896	1,022	964	958	981	929	71,121

PERSONS—INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT.

Employees—July, 1941	63,708	45,870	19,234	14,462	9,578	4,596	..	157,448
1941—July ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	157,448
1942—December ..	902	851	917	900	886	912	888	139,353
1943—September ..	804	804	823	829	806	858	810	127,589
December ..	850	812	861	856	840	873	841	132,413
1944—January ..	803	793	831	847	826	876	811	127,693
February ..	798	790	832	846	824	872	808	127,242

Industrial Disputes.—Number and Magnitude of Industrial Disputes (causing stoppage of work).

Period	Number.	Establishments Involved.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.			Estimated Loss in Wages. £
			Directly.	Indirectly.	Total.	New Disputes.	Old Disputes.	Total.	

NEW SOUTH WALES.

Year—1943	..	689	2,771	250,754	5,623	256,377	720,275	76,236	796,511	971,069
1942—Dec.	Qtr.	151	153	39,653	548	40,201	76,932	700	77,632	102,214
1943—March	..	192	1,677	82,626	473	83,099	231,186	6,576	237,762	300,377
June	..	192	463	85,168	770	85,938	171,107	55,260	226,367	255,183
Sept.	..	171	481	49,261	1,239	50,500	162,184	14,400	176,584	207,373
Dec.	..	134	150	33,699	3,141	36,840	155,798	..	155,798	208,136

VICTORIA.

Year—1943	..	40	1,070	19,042	217	19,259	61,902	14,784	76,686	65,409
1942—Dec.	Qtr.	7	11	9,352	..	9,352	12,725	1,274	13,999	13,625
1943—March	..	11	814	10,841	29	10,870	12,547	5,376	17,923	17,893
June	..	11	230	4,633	..	4,633	23,761	..	23,761	25,678
Sept.	..	10	12	2,480	150	2,630	13,421	9,408	22,829	15,765
Dec.	..	8	14	1,083	38	1,121	7,173	..	7,173	6,073

QUEENSLAND.

Year—1943	..	20	114	8,990	302	9,292	54,699	4,196	58,895	62,629
1942—Dec.	Qtr.	1	1	29	..	29	87	..	87	108
1943—March	..	7	9	2,360	2	2,362	14,916	..	14,916	17,092
June	..	3	84	1,553	300	1,853	19,098	..	19,098	18,203
Sept.	..	2	2	2,113	..	2,113	5,243	590	5,823	6,682
Dec.	..	8	19	2,959	..	2,959	15,442	3,616	19,058	20,662

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Year—1943	..	24	442	7,602	841	8,443	19,420	..	19,420	13,490
1942—Dec.	Qtr.	5	5	1,085	..	1,085	4,175	..	4,175	4,595
1943—March	..	5	419	846	..	846	4,070	..	4,070	2,739
June	..	4	5	2,238	..	2,238	3,031	..	3,031	2,785
Sept.	..	4	4	613	66	679	2,229	..	2,229	1,271
Dec.	..	11	14	3,905	775	4,680	10,090	..	10,090	6,695

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

Year—1943	..	10	82	1,594	950	2,544	37,248	1,190	38,438	40,733
1942—Dec.	Qtr.	5	82	806	..	806	3,414	..	3,414	3,980
1943—March	..	2	74	249	..	249	747	..	747	879
June	..	1	1	652	..	652	7,172	1,190	8,362	9,325
Sept.	..	1	1	130	..	130	130	..	130	183
Dec.	..	6	6	563	950	1,513	29,199	..	29,199	30,346

TASMANIA.

Year—1943	..	2	2	46	142	188	201	..	201	176
1942—Dec.	Qtr.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
1943—March	..	1	1	33	142	175	175	..	175	161
June	..	1	1	13	..	13	26	..	26	15
Sept.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dec.	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..

AUSTRALIA.

Year—1943	..	785	4,481	288,028	8,075	296,103	893,745	96,406	990,151	1,153,506
1942—Dec.	Qtr.	169	252	50,925	548	51,473	97,333	1,974	99,307	124,522
1943—March	..	218	2,994	96,955	646	97,601	263,041	11,952	275,593	339,141
June	..	212	734	94,267	1,070	95,337	229,195	56,450	285,645	311,189
Sept.	..	188	500	54,597	1,455	56,052	183,207	24,388	207,595	231,274
Dec.	..	167	203	42,209	4,904	47,113	217,702	3,616	221,318	271,902

**Wages.—Adult Males—Average Nominal Weekly and Hourly Rates payable and
Weekly Hours of Labour, 31st December, 1943.**

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
I. Wood, Furniture, &c.	Weekly Wage	125/10	120/6	118/1	116/1	119/1	115/0	121/0
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/10½	2/8½	2/8½	2/7½	2/8½	2/7½	2/9
II. Engineering, Metal Works, &c.	Weekly Wage	122/5	120/4	120/9	116/9	126/1	121/9	121/1
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.11	44.00	44.00	44.01
	Hourly Wage	2/9½	2/8½	2/9	2/7½	2/10½	2/9½	2/9
III. Food, Drink, &c.	Weekly Wage	120/2	117/6	114/6	116/9	118/8	111/3	117/8
	Working Hours	44.00	44.04	43.44	44.00	44.13	44.00	43.81
	Hourly Wage	2/8½	2/8	2/7½	2/7½	2/8½	2/6½	2/8½
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c.	Weekly Wage	117/11	119/4	124/6	124/6	120/7	115/1	119/7
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/8½	2/8½	2/10	2/10	2/9	2/7½	2/8½
V. Books, Printing, &c.	Weekly Wage	136/1	138/2	125/7	129/1	146/4	129/6	135/4
	Working Hours	43.49	42.16	42.28	43.56	42.76	43.35	42.86
	Hourly Wage	3/1½	3/3¼	2/11½	2/11½	3/5	2/11½	3/2
VI. Other Manufacturing	Weekly Wage	120/8	118/3	115/0	115/10	119/2	116/3	118/9
	Working Hours	43.89	43.90	43.78	43.79	44.08	43.91	43.88
	Hourly Wage	2/9	2/8½	2/7½	2/7½	2/8½	2/7½	2/8½
VII. Building	Weekly Wage	132/0	132/5	120/2	119/5	127/1	122/8	128/11
	Working Hours	43.65	44.00	40.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.42
	Hourly Wage	3/0¼	3/0	2/8	2/8½	2/10½	2/9½	2/11½
VIII. Mining (c)	Weekly Wage	128/5	121/1	128/7	94/0	135/11	116/3	126/6
	Working Hours	40.61	40.67	40.93	43.79	40.50	41.33	40.80
	Hourly Wage	3/2	2/11½	3/1¼	2/1½	3/4¼	2/9¼	3/1¼
IX. Rail and Tram Services	Weekly Wage	124/2	123/4	119/0	115/6	120/0	113/9	121/9
	Working Hours	43.80	43.85	44.00	44.00	43.75	44.00	43.86
	Hourly Wage	2/10	2/9½	2/8½	2/7½	2/9	2/7	2/9½
X. Other Land Transport	Weekly Wage	114/6	111/4	108/3	107/4	117/6	108/8	112/0
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	2/7½	2/6¼	2/5½	2/5½	2/8	2/5	2/6½
XI. Shipping, &c.	Weekly Wage	123/4	124/0	120/8	122/0	122/8	122/3	122/10
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Hourly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XII. Pastoral, Agricultural, &c.	Weekly Wage	119/7	118/3	118/9	116/7	118/3	122/10	118/11
	Working Hours	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Hourly Wage	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c.	Weekly Wage	111/0	112/6	105/8	102/8	108/3	103/0	109/8
	Working Hours	44.00	44.33	44.00	44.00	44.80	44.00	44.17
	Hourly Wage	2/6¼	2/6½	2/4½	2/4	2/5	2/4	2/5½
XIV. Miscellaneous	Weekly Wage	116/7	116/0	108/5	108/0	115/2	110/2	114/3
	Working Hours	44.00	44.67	44.00	44.65	44.00	43.72	44.26
	Hourly Wage	2/7½	2/7½	2/5½	2/5	2/7½	2/6¼	2/7
All Groups (a)	Weekly Wage	121/3	119/7	116/10	113/9	122/2	116/9	119/5
All Groups except XI. and XII. (a)	Weekly Wage	121/7	119/8	115/11	112/4	122/11	114/0	119/4
	Working Hours	43.52	43.94	43.18	44.21	43.11	43.37	43.62
	Hourly Wage	2/9½	2/8½	2/8½	2/6½	2/10½	2/7½	2/8½

(a) Weighted average.

(b) Excludes District allowances in the gold-mining industry.

(c) Average rates of wage and hours prevailing at the principal mining centres in each State.

(d) Average rates of wage are for occupations other than Masters, Officers, and Engineers in the Merchant Marine Service, and include value of victualling and accommodation, where supplied.

(e) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging, where supplied.

Wages.—Adult Females—Average Nominal Weekly and Hourly Rates payable and Weekly Hours of Labour, 31st December, 1943.

Industrial Group.	Particulars.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust. (a)
III. Food, Drink, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	60/11	64/11	58/1	56/1	54/7	65/6	62/3
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/4½	1/5½	1/3½	1/3½	1/3	1/5½	1/5
IV. Clothing, Boots, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	65/9	66/1	67/5	67/5	64/2	66/2	66/2
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/6	1/6½	1/6½	1/6½	1/5½	1/6	1/6
I., II., V., & VI. All other Manufacturing ..	Weekly Wage	69/9	74/11	64/9	65/1	..	59/0	71/5
	Working Hours	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	..	44.00	44.00
	Hourly Wage	1/7	1/8½	1/5½	1/5½	..	1/4	1/7½
XIII. Domestic, Hotels, &c. ..	Weekly Wage <i>b</i>	62/8	71/7	68/7	53/0	69/3	57/6	65/10
	Working Hours	43.38	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	43.78
	Hourly Wage <i>b</i>	1/5½	1/7½	1/6½	1/2½	1/7	1/3½	1/6
XIV. Shop Assistants, Clerks, &c. ..	Weekly Wage	77/0	79/8	78/5	55/8	..	..	75/11
	Working Hours	44.00	45.00	44.00	44.00	..	..	44.36
	Hourly Wage	1/9	1/9½	1/9½	1/3½	..	..	1/8½
All Groups (a) ..	Weekly Wage	67/11	70/2	69/9	61/3	66/6	63/3	68/4
	Working Hours	43.88	44.19	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.00	44.03
	Hourly Wage	1/6½	1/7	1/7	1/4½	1/6½	1/5½	1/6½

(a) Weighted average. (b) Includes the estimated value of board and lodging where supplied.

Wages.—Weighted Average Nominal Weekly Rates payable for a Full Week's Work, and Wage Index-numbers, 1914 to 31st December, 1943.

Date.	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	Aust.
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ADULT MALES—RATES OF WAGE.

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
31st December, 1914 ..	56	2	54	7	53	5	54	5	62	10	52	8
" " 1938 ..	95	0	91	2	95	10	87	1	99	1	88	5
" " 1939 ..	96	7	94	0	97	5	88	11	100	6	89	5
" " 1940 ..	99	7	97	0	97	9	92	11	104	0	92	7
" " 1941 ..	105	4	104	5	101	9	100	3	110	2	99	3
" " 1942 ..	118	3	116	7	110	2	112	3	117	7	108	2
30th June, 1943 ..	120	2	119	0	111	3	113	0	118	8	110	1
30th September, 1943 ..	122	1	120	4	114	1	114	0	122	4	113	6
31st December, 1943 ..	121	3	119	7	116	10	113	9	122	2	116	9

ADULT MALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—51s. 3d. (a) IN 1911 = 1,000.)

	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
31st December, 1914 ..	1,096	1,065	1,042	1,062	1,226	1,028	1,085
" " 1938 ..	1,854	1,780	1,870	1,700	1,933	1,725	1,823
" " 1939 ..	1,885	1,825	1,900	1,735	1,962	1,745	1,858
" " 1940 ..	1,943	1,892	1,908	1,812	2,020	1,807	1,913
" " 1941 ..	2,056	2,037	1,985	1,957	2,149	1,937	2,034
" " 1942 ..	2,308	2,275	2,150	2,189	2,294	2,111	2,257
30th June, 1943 ..	2,344	2,322	2,171	2,204	2,316	2,149	2,292
30th September, 1943 ..	2,383	2,348	2,225	2,225	2,387	2,214	2,331
31st December, 1943 ..	2,366	2,333	2,279	2,219	2,383	2,279	2,329

ADULT FEMALES—RATES OF WAGE.

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
31st December, 1914 ..	26	10	27	3	27	1	24	1	37	4	25	10
" " 1938 ..	51	10	50	7	53	6	47	9	54	4	49	8
" " 1939 ..	53	3	51	9	55	2	49	7	55	8	50	8
" " 1940 ..	54	9	53	5	56	0	52	1	57	6	53	1
" " 1941 ..	57	11	58	4	59	6	55	5	60	4	56	7
" " 1942 ..	63	10	64	11	66	4	60	3	64	2	61	3
30th June, 1943 ..	66	1	66	9	67	10	60	8	65	3	63	0
30th September, 1943 ..	67	0	69	7	69	5	60	10	66	6	63	3
31st December, 1943 ..	67	11	70	2	69	9	61	3	66	6	63	3

ADULT FEMALES—INDEX-NUMBERS.—(BASE—27s. 2d. (a) IN APRIL, 1914 = 1,000.)

	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006
31st December, 1914 ..	987	1,022	996	885	1,373	950	1,006
" " 1938 ..	1,907	1,862	1,969	1,758	2,000	1,823	1,887
" " 1939 ..	1,960	1,906	2,031	1,826	2,049	1,866	1,938
" " 1940 ..	2,016	1,966	2,060	1,916	2,116	1,954	1,996
" " 1941 ..	2,133	2,148	2,191	2,038	2,220	2,082	2,141
" " 1942 ..	2,350	2,391	2,442	2,216	2,361	2,255	2,368
30th June, 1943 ..	2,432	2,453	2,498	2,234	2,400	2,320	2,431
30th September, 1943 ..	2,464	2,560	2,554	2,238	2,446	2,326	2,491
31st December, 1943 ..	2,501	2,582	2,568	2,253	2,446	2,329	2,516

(a) Weighted average for Australia.

Basic Weekly Wage Rates by State Industrial Tribunals.

State.	Basic Wage.		Date of Operation.	Family Unit (for Male Rate).
	Males.	Females.		
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.		
New South Wales ..	(a) 4 19 0	(a) 2 13 6	1.11.43	(b)
Victoria(c) ..	(4.17.0)	(2.12.6)	(1.2.44)	(c)
Queensland ..	(d) 4 17 0	2 14 6	2.8.43	Man, wife and three children
South Australia ..	4 14 0	2 6 2	15.10.42	" " " " "
Western Australia(e)	4 19 8	2 13 10	28.2.44	Man, wife and two children
Tasmania(c) ..	(4.14.0)	(2.11.0)	(1.2.44)	(c)

(a) Sydney, Newcastle, Port Kembla-Wollongong; Broken Hill—Males, £5 1s. 0d.; Females, £2 14s. 6d.; Elsewhere—Males, £4 16s. 0d.; Females, £2 12s. 0d. (b) Commonwealth Basic Wage operative—no defined family unit. (c) None declared, but rates shown are those of Commonwealth Court which are followed to a large extent. No defined family unit. (d) South-Eastern Division. Allowances are added for other Divisions:—Northern, 10s.; North-Western, 17s. 4d.; Mackay, 5s. 6d.; South-Western, 7s. 4d. Half of these allowances are granted to females. (e) Metropolitan Area. Basic wage from 28.2.44 for Gold-fields Areas and other portions of State exclusive of the S.W. Land Division—Males, £5 6s. 7d.; Females, £2 17s. 7d; and for Agricultural Areas and S.W. Land Division—Males, £4 19s. 2d.; Females, £2 13s. 7d.

Basic Weekly Wage Rates fixed by Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration for each Capital City.(a)

Capital.	1st May, 1943.	1st August, 1943.	1st November, 1943.	1st February, 1944.	1st May, 1944.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Sydney	98 0	100 0	99 0	99 0	99 0
Melbourne	98 0	99 0	98 0	97 0	97 0
Brisbane	92 0	94 0	93 0	93 0	93 0
Adelaide	93 0	94 0	94 0	93 0	93 0
Perth	92 0	94 0	94 0	93 0	93 0
Hobart	94 0	95 0	95 0	94 0	94 0
Six Capitals ..	96 0	98 0	97 0	96 0	96 0

NOTE.—Female rate generally 54 per cent. of male rate.

(a) "Court" Series Index-numbers—Commonwealth Court's Judgment of 23rd June, 1937. Includes "prosperity loadings" granted by Judgment. No defined family unit.

Awards of Industrial Courts and Wages Board Determinations Made and Industrial Agreements Filed.

State.	1938.		1939.		1940.		1941.		1942.	
	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.	Awards or Determinations made.	Agreements filed.
New South Wales ..	64	38	64	17	70	22	65	49	72	23
Victoria	99	..	173	..	170	..	262	..	202	..
Queensland	38	33	50	25	34	45	45	14	15	37
South Australia ..	6	4	18	7	53	7	167	8	160	12
Western Australia ..	28	31	20	25	31	21	22	19	18	20
Tasmania	26	..	18	..	13	..	28	..	22	..
Commonwealth Court ..	31	13	31	21	25	13	7	3	52	20
Commonwealth Public Service Arbitrator ..	3	..	1	..	1	..	5	..	4	..
Total	295	124	375	95	402	108	601	93	545	112

Section VII.—Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing, etc.

Note.—The index-numbers on this and the next three pages are related to the period 1923-27. The weighted average prices for these five years for the Six Capitals are made equal to 1,000. In the combined tables the rent of 4 and 5 roomed houses only is taken into account.

The "B" Series represents the Food and Housing portion of the "All Items" ("C" Series) Index published on page 60.

Retail Price Index-Numbers.(a)—Capital Cities.

("B" Series.)

(Base in each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

NOTE.—The index-numbers given in the separate parts of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in 1923-27 in each group or combination is made equal to 1,000.

CITY.	1911.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1943.				1944.
							March Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	

GROUPS I., II., AND III. COMBINED—FOOD AND GROCERIES.

Sydney	553	936	952	962	1,040	1,042	1,050	1,065	1,039	1,015	1,019
Melbourne	523	942	947	943	1,042	1,055	1,055	1,073	1,056	1,037	1,039
Brisbane	569	864	889	911	972	975	933	998	968	950	968
Adelaide	570	897	900	905	1,012	1,003	1,000	1,022	1,003	985	989
Perth	753	938	949	931	1,029	1,059	1,050	1,080	1,062	1,045	1,051
Hobart	592	923	944	970	1,047	1,062	1,051	1,065	1,075	1,058	1,029
Weighted Average ..	559	927	939	947	1,031	1,037	1,040	1,058	1,036	1,015	1,020

GROUP IV.—HOUSING (b)—4 AND 5 ROOMS.

Sydney	701	1,035	1,042	1,043	1,043	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,042	1,043
Melbourne	569	955	969	975	975	974	974	974	974	974	974
Brisbane	373	854	857	860	862	862	862	862	862	862	863
Adelaide	706	888	892	893	893	893	893	893	892	893	892
Perth	524	881	882	883	885	885	885	885	885	885	886
Hobart	452	925	933	933	933	931	932	931	931	931	931
Weighted Average ..	612	965	973	976	976	975	975	975	975	975	976

ALL GROUPS COMBINED.—FOOD, GROCERIES, AND HOUSING (4 AND 5 ROOMS).

Sydney	606	972	985	992	1,039	1,040	1,045	1,054	1,038	1,023	1,026
Melbourne	539	945	953	953	1,014	1,021	1,021	1,032	1,022	1,010	1,011
Brisbane	500	858	875	889	927	929	934	942	925	914	925
Adelaide	618	891	895	899	963	958	956	969	958	947	949
Perth	672	914	921	941	971	989	983	1,001	991	980	984
Hobart	542	922	938	953	1,000	1,009	1,003	1,010	1,016	1,006	988
Weighted Average ..	578	939	950	956	1,007	1,011	1,012	1,023	1,010	997	1,000

(a) As the price index-number increases, the purchasing power of money diminishes. (b) See note (a) on page 60.

Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, and Housing (4 and 5 rooms).

("B" Series.)

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1911.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1943.				1944.
							Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney	606	972	985	992	1,039	1,040	1,045	1,054	1,038	1,023	1,026
Newcastle .. ..	..	934	950	959	1,005	1,000	1,003	1,011	999	985	988
Broken Hill .. ..	..	970	953	991	1,052	1,044	1,038	1,050	1,041	1,045	1,049
Goulburn .. ..	..	942	950	957	1,009	1,007	1,007	1,021	1,004	994	1,001
Bathurst .. ..	..	900	908	910	957	953	954	967	952	940	945
Weighted Average(a)	..	969	980	988	1,036	1,036	1,040	1,050	1,034	1,020	1,023
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne	539	945	953	953	1,014	1,021	1,021	1,032	1,022	1,010	1,011
Ballarat .. ..	..	849	843	841	894	908	903	919	911	899	899
Bendigo .. ..	..	851	864	868	920	923	921	933	922	916	918
Geelong .. ..	..	917	915	912	956	962	959	975	964	950	951
Warrnambool .. ..	..	940	944	941	984	993	996	1,006	992	979	979
Weighted Average(a)	..	938	946	946	1,005	1,012	1,012	1,023	1,013	1,001	1,002
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane	500	858	875	889	927	929	934	942	925	914	925
Toowoomba .. ..	..	830	849	857	913	927	923	936	916	934	945
Rockhampton .. ..	..	843	854	863	901	904	901	918	898	900	909
Townsville .. ..	..	920	925	933	974	970	974	979	964	962	973
Bundaberg .. ..	..	804	817	835	878	888	889	902	883	878	887
Weighted Average(a)	..	858	873	886	926	928	932	941	924	916	927
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide	618	891	895	899	963	958	956	969	958	947	949
Kadina, &c. .. ..	..	743	739	738	789	784	782	794	782	776	775
Port Pirie .. ..	..	882	877	889	943	932	934	946	931	918	920
Mount Gambier .. ..	..	838	828	832	879	877	876	882	878	870	872
Peterborough .. ..	..	890	895	893	936	926	928	938	924	912	913
Weighted Average(a)	..	885	888	892	955	950	948	961	950	939	941
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c.	672	914	921	941	971	989	983	1,001	991	980	984
Kalgoorlie, &c. .. ..	..	1,178	1,184	1,211	1,160	1,122	1,121	1,133	1,121	1,111	1,114
Northam .. ..	..	936	946	980	1,005	1,001	1,001	1,013	1,000	991	992
Bunbury .. ..	..	979	979	996	1,011	1,010	1,012	1,023	1,008	995	1,003
Geraldton .. ..	..	990	995	1,024	1,048	1,069	1,044	1,073	1,084	1,074	1,077
Weighted Average(a)	..	936	943	964	988	1,001	995	1,013	1,003	992	996
TASMANIA—											
Hobart	542	922	938	953	1,000	1,009	1,003	1,010	1,016	1,006	988
Launceston .. ..	..	887	901	913	948	953	948	955	961	948	932
Burnie .. ..	..	898	914	937	973	998	986	1,008	1,002	994	975
Devonport .. ..	..	865	882	898	928	942	935	943	949	942	921
Queenstown .. ..	..	933	942	947	970	1,005	997	1,008	1,011	1,002	995
Weighted Average(a)	..	908	923	937	978	988	982	990	995	984	967
Weighted Average for 30 towns .. ..	..	935	945	952	1,001	1,005	1,006	1,017	1,004	992	995
Weighted Average 6 Capital Cities	578	939	950	956	1,007	1,011	1,012	1,023	1,010	997	1,000
Warwick (Q.) (c) .. ..	..	783	799	817	856	872	864	882	870	871	880
Port Augusta (c) .. ..	..	864	878	896	932	914	917	925	913	902	903
Canberra (A.C.T.) (b) (c) .. ..	..	1,026	1,028	1,028	1,078	1,073	1,078	1,086	1,069	1,058	1,061

(a) Weighted Average for the five towns. (b) New series from 1938. To secure comparison with "B" Series index-numbers for Canberra for periods prior to the September quarter 1938, the new series index-numbers should be multiplied by 1.090. (c) Not included in weighted averages above.

RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—COST OF FOOD AND GROCERIES.

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

	1914.	1943.				1944.			Per- centage in- crease from July, 1914, to Mar., 1944.
State and Town.	July.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.		
NEW SOUTH WALES—									
Sydney	645	1,039	1,043	1,068	1,019	1,017	1,022	58.4	
Newcastle	642	1,055	1,071	1,087	1,044	1,046	1,048	63.2	
Broken Hill	821	1,220	1,225	1,231	1,243	1,243	1,241	51.2	
Goulburn	661	1,078	1,085	1,108	1,081	1,082	1,080	63.4	
Bathurst	613	1,016	1,022	1,047	1,013	1,014	1,015	65.6	
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	652	1,044	1,049	1,073	1,026	1,024	1,028	57.7	
VICTORIA—									
Melbourne	619	1,039	1,054	1,071	1,039	1,038	1,038	67.7	
Ballarat	617	1,014	1,027	1,053	1,023	1,023	1,023	65.8	
Bendigo	619	1,027	1,036	1,053	1,035	1,036	1,030	66.4	
Geelong	609	992	1,005	1,023	995	995	994	63.2	
Warrnambool	608	1,027	1,041	1,052	1,013	1,013	1,011	66.3	
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	618	1,036	1,051	1,068	1,037	1,036	1,036	67.6	
QUEENSLAND—									
Brisbane	591	979	975	996	963	971	971	64.3	
Toowoomba	582	956	967	978	995	1,006	1,007	73.0	
Rockhampton	646	981	976	1,011	996	1,004	1,007	55.9	
Townsville .. .. .	..	1,050	1,043	1,050	1,037	1,050	1,052	..
Bundaberg .. .. .	..	1,031	1,029	1,050	1,017	1,034	1,032	..
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	605	984	980	1,001	974	983	983	62.5	
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—									
Adelaide	699	998	993	1,010	990	990	988	41.3	
Kadina, Moonta, Wallaroo	688	1,036	1,036	1,052	1,032	1,027	1,027	49.3	
Port Pirie	722	1,073	1,078	1,086	1,056	1,057	1,057	46.4	
Mount Gambier	595	980	975	992	976	977	976	64.0	
Peterborough	749	1,037	1,042	1,052	1,017	1,019	1,019	36.0	
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	697	1,002	998	1,014	993	993	992	42.3	
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—									
Perth and Fremantle	749	1,046	1,047	1,057	1,051	1,052	1,050	40.2	
Kalgoorlie and Boulder	931	1,176	1,180	1,181	1,163	1,169	1,169	25.6	
Northam .. .. .	..	1,061	1,073	1,078	1,051	1,058	1,059	..
Bunbury	793	1,038	1,044	1,047	1,024	1,025	1,028	29.6	
Geraldton	808	1,037	1,040	1,041	1,090	1,092	1,093	35.3	
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	790	1,056	1,057	1,065	1,060	1,061	1,059	34.1	
TASMANIA—									
Hobart	678	1,049	1,043	1,062	1,035	1,026	1,025	51.2	
Launceston	640	1,007	1,006	1,014	989	979	978	52.8	
Burnie .. .. .	..	1,072	1,070	1,089	1,084	1,084	1,008	..
Devonport .. .. .	..	1,047	1,042	1,042	1,032	1,033	1,000	..
Queenstown	735	1,105	1,129	1,137	1,120	1,122	1,120	52.4	
Weighted Average for 5 Towns ..	672	1,038	1,035	1,050	1,025	1,017	1,012	50.6	
Weighted Average for 30 Towns ..	651	1,031	1,037	1,057	1,023	1,022	1,024	57.3	
Weighted Average, 6 Capital Cities ..	645	1,030	1,035	1,055	1,020	1,019	1,021	58.3	
(a) Lithgow (N) .. .. .	..	1,050	1,058	1,087	1,049	1,056	1,059	..
(a) Yallourn (V.) .. .. .	..	1,028	1,047	1,059	1,019	1,022	1,021	..
(a) Warwick (Q.)	605	939	949	969	971	982	982	62.3	
(a) Port Augusta (S.A.) .. .. .	..	1,067	1,059	1,075	1,044	1,045	1,045	..
(a) Rosebery (T.) .. .. .	..	1,163	1,153	1,161	1,149	1,149	1,125	..
(a) Canberra (A.C.T.) .. .. .	..	1,136	1,134	1,155	1,115	1,116	1,109	..

(a) Not included in weighted averages above.

THE "ALL ITEMS" INDEX.

("C" Series.)

Retail Price Index-Numbers—Cost of Food, Groceries, Housing (4 and 5 rooms) (a), Clothing and Miscellaneous Household Requirements.

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities, 1923-27=1,000.)

State and Town.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1943.				1944.
							Mar. Qtr.	June Qtr.	Sept. Qtr.	Dec. Qtr.	March Qtr.
NEW SOUTH WALES—											
Sydney ..	913	936	974	1,023	1,107	1,151	1,141	1,165	1,154	1,143	1,143
Newcastle ..	877	901	945	997	1,069	1,109	1,101	1,126	1,112	1,098	1,097
Broken Hill ..	940	955	981	1,049	1,132	1,172	1,148	1,185	1,179	1,175	1,175
Goulburn ..	893	916	949	1,005	1,087	1,125	1,116	1,140	1,126	1,116	1,118
Bathurst ..	860	883	923	974	1,050	1,091	1,080	1,107	1,096	1,082	1,085
Weighted Average(b)	911	933	972	1,026	1,104	1,147	1,137	1,162	1,151	1,139	1,139
VICTORIA—											
Melbourne ..	896	924	964	1,008	1,100	1,139	1,136	1,153	1,139	1,128	1,129
Ballarat ..	850	874	906	950	1,037	1,084	1,074	1,099	1,087	1,075	1,074
Bendigo ..	854	875	920	963	1,054	1,096	1,088	1,104	1,097	1,094	1,095
Geelong ..	884	911	941	984	1,065	1,110	1,099	1,125	1,117	1,100	1,103
Warrnambool ..	892	918	954	998	1,078	1,126	1,121	1,141	1,128	1,115	1,115
Weighted Average(b)	893	920	960	1,004	1,095	1,135	1,131	1,149	1,136	1,125	1,125
QUEENSLAND—											
Brisbane ..	852	870	908	963	1,033	1,072	1,063	1,083	1,074	1,068	1,072
Toowoomba ..	843	858	898	951	1,033	1,080	1,068	1,089	1,078	1,063	1,087
Rockhampton ..	853	867	905	959	1,032	1,073	1,059	1,086	1,074	1,073	1,075
Townsville ..	902	918	950	1,004	1,075	1,114	1,103	1,124	1,114	1,113	1,116
Bundaberg ..	831	847	879	938	1,015	1,057	1,047	1,068	1,058	1,053	1,056
Weighted Average(b)	854	871	909	964	1,035	1,075	1,066	1,086	1,076	1,072	1,075
SOUTH AUSTRALIA—											
Adelaide ..	838	906	936	988	1,075	1,102	1,093	1,111	1,106	1,099	1,098
Kadina, &c. ..	786	810	833	882	962	998	983	1,008	1,004	998	996
Port Pirie ..	868	896	919	976	1,057	1,087	1,079	1,097	1,091	1,081	1,081
Mount Gambier ..	849	872	894	946	1,024	1,061	1,051	1,069	1,067	1,056	1,057
Peterborough ..	868	897	924	974	1,053	1,087	1,078	1,097	1,090	1,083	1,083
Weighted Average(b)	883	902	931	983	1,069	1,097	1,088	1,106	1,101	1,094	1,093
WESTERN AUSTRALIA—											
Perth, &c. ..	882	901	932	993	1,061	1,104	1,092	1,115	1,110	1,100	1,102
Kalgoorlie, &c. ..	1,048	1,066	1,099	1,165	1,175	1,192	1,178	1,202	1,197	1,189	1,193
Northam ..	900	915	947	1,017	1,079	1,111	1,098	1,122	1,117	1,107	1,109
Bunbury ..	914	936	962	1,018	1,065	1,102	1,091	1,112	1,109	1,097	1,104
Geraldton ..	957	965	990	1,055	1,114	1,165	1,138	1,171	1,179	1,171	1,174
Weighted Average(b)	897	915	946	1,008	1,070	1,112	1,099	1,123	1,118	1,108	1,110
TASMANIA—											
Hobart ..	887	908	945	1,001	1,078	1,117	1,108	1,118	1,125	1,117	1,105
Launceston ..	872	888	926	974	1,040	1,078	1,069	1,081	1,086	1,076	1,067
Burnie ..	865	879	917	971	1,035	1,088	1,073	1,095	1,094	1,089	1,076
Devonport ..	848	861	896	951	1,012	1,058	1,048	1,060	1,069	1,056	1,040
Queenstown ..	875	903	936	987	1,045	1,096	1,086	1,098	1,103	1,098	1,095
Weighted Average(b)	879	898	936	989	1,060	1,101	1,091	1,103	1,108	1,100	1,089
Weighted Average for 30 Towns ..	894	917	954	1,006	1,087	1,127	1,119	1,140	1,130	1,120	1,120
Weighted Average for 6 Capital Cities ..	897	920	957	1,008	1,091	1,131	1,123	1,143	1,133	1,123	1,124
Warwick (Q.)(c) ..	800	834	867	926	1,007	1,055	1,040	1,064	1,059	1,057	1,059
Port Augusta (S.A.)(c) ..	863	883	915	980	1,052	1,076	1,073	1,085	1,077	1,070	1,070
Canberra (c) ..	..	956	988	1,040	1,121	1,168	1,158	1,184	1,170	1,159	1,160

(a) Owing to the revisions resulting from the 1936 conference of Statisticians, certain slight breaks of continuity appear after the June, 1936, quarter in the group index-numbers for Rent for certain towns. The revision of the whole system has been so arranged, however, that this break does not extend to the group index-numbers for the Six Capital Cities, or to the index-numbers for all groups combined for individual towns. (b) Five Towns.

(c) Not included in weighted averages above.

**NEW SOUTH WALES—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1944 ; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1944.**

Article.	Unit.	SYDNEY.			NEWCASTLE.			BROKEN HILL.			GOULBURN.			BATHURST.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.84	5.84	5.84	6.00	6.00	6.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.25	6.25	6.25	6.00	6.00	6.00
" self-raising ..	"	5.00	5.00	5.00	4.86	4.86	4.79	5.14	5.14	5.14	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
Tea ..	lb.	8.15	8.15	8.15	8.57	8.57	8.57	9.07	9.07	9.07	8.60	8.60	8.60	9.00	8.80	9.00
Sugar ..	"	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.43	27.43	27.43	27.93	27.93	27.93	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.50
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.36	4.36	4.43	4.90	4.90	4.90	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Sago(a) ..	"	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.79	3.79	3.79	4.64	4.64	4.64	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	6.63	6.63	6.63	7.13	7.13	7.13	8.80	8.80	8.80	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.25	7.25	7.25
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	13.50	13.50	13.50	14.71	15.00	15.00	14.14	14.14	14.14	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.10	15.40	15.40
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	6.95	6.95	6.95	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.14	10.14	10.14	8.00	7.90	7.90	7.70	7.80	7.80
Raisins, seeded ..	"	3.60	3.60	3.65	3.88	3.88	3.88	4.39	4.39	4.39	3.95	4.00	4.10	4.25	4.25	4.25
Currants (a) ..	"	12.33	12.43	12.75	13.00	13.00	13.00	12.86	12.86	12.57	13.67	13.67	13.67	13.10	13.33	13.50
Apricots, dried (a)	"	10.75	10.75	10.75	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.29	11.43	11.43	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.50	10.83	10.83
Peaches, canned (a)	30 oz.	16.50	16.50	16.50	17.75	17.75	17.75	18.00	18.00	18.00	15.50	15.50	15.50	16.50	16.50	16.50
Pears, canned (a)	"	13.13	13.13	13.13	13.25	13.25	13.25	16.17	16.17	16.17	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.90	13.90	13.90
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	13.75	13.75	13.75	14.25	14.25	14.25	16.33	16.33	16.33	14.75	14.75	14.75	14.63	14.63	14.63
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	22.33	22.33	22.33	22.50	22.50	22.50	20.83	20.83	20.83	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Onions, brown ..	lb.	9.00	8.70	9.00	8.51	8.60	8.51	13.70	13.43	12.50	8.94	8.82	8.90	8.58	8.46	8.48
Soap ..	"	3.14	3.14	3.40	2.67	3.08	3.08	3.08	2.92	3.20	2.90	2.90	3.00	3.20	3.20	3.30
Kerosene ..	quart	6.86	6.86	6.86	6.86	6.86	6.86	7.67	7.67	7.67	7.43	7.43	7.43	7.49	7.49	7.49
Dairy Produce—		6.28	6.28	6.28	6.63	6.71	6.71	7.59	7.66	7.66	7.35	7.38	7.38	7.53	7.53	7.53
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.00	20.05	20.05	20.50	20.50	20.50	22.64	22.64	22.64	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.70	20.70	20.70
Cheese, mild ..	"	17.14	17.14	17.07	16.71	17.07	17.07	18.79	18.79	18.79	17.70	17.70	17.70	18.00	18.00	18.00
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	27.94	28.22	28.22	28.29	28.21	28.21	30.14	31.00	31.29	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.30	28.30	28.30
Bacon, rashers(a) ..	lb.	23.07	23.21	23.57	21.36	21.36	22.60	23.71	23.93	23.79	23.88	23.88	23.88	20.75	20.75	20.75
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.70	9.70	9.70	9.93	10.00	10.00	10.64	10.64	10.64	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.60	10.60	10.60
" fresh ..	quart	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.00	7.00	7.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	7.50	7.50
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	12.35	12.35	12.25	13.36	13.36	13.29	16.00	16.00	16.00	13.10	13.10	13.00	10.50	10.50	10.70
" rib ..	"	8.50	8.50	8.40	9.14	9.14	9.07	13.86	13.86	13.86	9.88	9.88	9.88	8.20	8.20	8.20
" steak, rump ..	"	22.00	20.70	20.70	17.71	17.71	17.71	23.00	23.00	23.00	18.00	18.00	17.60	15.60	15.60	15.60
" " chuck ..	"	9.15	9.15	9.10	9.93	9.93	9.93	14.14	14.14	14.14	9.20	9.20	9.40	8.20	8.20	8.20
" sausages ..	"	8.00	7.95	7.90	8.64	8.64	8.64	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.60	8.60	8.40	8.20	8.20	8.20
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	9.80	9.85	10.00	10.21	10.21	10.21	16.00	16.00	16.00	10.80	10.80	10.60	9.40	9.60	9.60
" " brisket ..	"	7.15	7.05	7.30	8.07	8.07	8.07	14.00	14.00	14.00	9.40	9.40	9.60	8.00	8.20	8.20
Mutton, leg ..	"	7.78	7.78	7.90	10.43	10.43	10.21	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.20	10.20	9.80	8.80	8.80	8.80
" forequarter ..	"	4.67	4.67	4.70	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.79	6.79	6.79	6.10	6.10	6.00	4.70	4.70	4.70
" loin ..	"	9.11	9.11	9.40	9.86	9.86	9.86	8.43	8.43	8.43	10.00	10.00	9.80	8.40	8.40	8.40
" chops, loin ..	"	10.17	10.22	10.40	10.57	10.57	10.57	11.57	11.57	11.57	10.60	10.80	10.80	9.20	9.20	9.20
" " leg ..	"	9.50	9.44	9.65	10.79	10.79	10.71	11.86	11.86	11.86	10.80	10.80	10.60	8.80	8.80	8.80
Pork, leg (a) ..	"	16.60	16.60	16.60	17.86	17.86	17.86	15.71	15.71	15.71	15.60	15.60	15.60	15.00	15.00	15.00
" loin (a) ..	"	17.55	17.55	17.55	18.07	18.07	18.07	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.80	15.80	15.80	15.00	15.00	15.00
" chops (a) ..	"	18.20	18.20	18.20	18.07	18.07	18.07	16.86	16.86	16.86	16.20	16.20	16.20	15.00	15.00	15.00
House Rents ..																
4 and 5 Rooms ..		..	281.12	..	..	243.34	..	..	189.48	..	..	221.88	..	..	212.19	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

**VICTORIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1944; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1944.**

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Article.	Unit.	MELBOURNE.			BALLARAT.			BENDIGO.			GEELONG.			WARRNAMBOOL.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.55	5.55	5.55	5.86	5.86	5.86	5.82	5.82	5.82	5.75	5.75	5.75	6.25	6.25	6.25
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.71	4.71	4.71	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.80	4.80	4.80
" self-raising ..	"	7.40	7.40	7.40	8.21	8.21	8.14	8.07	8.07	7.93	7.80	7.80	7.80	8.10	8.30	8.30
Tea ..	lb.	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.21	27.21	27.21	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.40	27.40	27.40
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.28	4.28	4.28	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	3.60	3.60	3.60	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.80	3.80	3.80
Sago (a) ..	"	6.88	6.88	6.88	7.17	7.17	7.17	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.75	6.75	6.75
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	11.40	11.40	11.40	11.79	11.79	11.79	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.90	12.20	12.20	12.20
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	7.40	7.30	7.30	7.71	7.71	7.64	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.60	7.60	7.60
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.72	3.72	3.72	3.75	3.79	3.86	3.89	3.89	3.89	3.70	3.85	3.85	4.05	4.05	4.05
Raisins, seeded ..	"	12.80	12.80	12.80	12.64	12.64	12.64	13.63	13.70	13.40	12.13	12.13	12.10	13.00	13.00	13.00
Currants ..	"	10.43	10.40	10.50	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.36	10.20	10.40	10.40	10.80	10.80	10.70
Apricots, dried (a)	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.33	13.33	13.33	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.50	13.50	13.50
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.17	14.17	14.17	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.83	13.83	13.83	14.50	14.50	14.17
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	21.25	20.67	20.67	20.67	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.38	21.38	21.38
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.41	8.40	8.41	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40
Onions, brown ..	lb.	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.57	2.60	2.70	2.57	2.50	2.50	2.50	2.40	2.50	2.50
Soap ..	"	7.11	7.11	7.11	7.20	7.20	7.20	7.49	7.54	7.54	7.31	7.31	7.13	7.68	7.68	7.68
Kerosene ..	quart	6.54	6.54	6.54	6.79	6.79	6.79	6.95	6.95	6.95	6.35	6.35	6.35	7.35	7.35	7.35
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.50	20.50	20.50	20.43	20.43	20.43	20.86	20.86	20.86	20.30	20.30	20.30	20.80	20.80	20.80
Cheese, mild ..	"	16.22	16.22	16.28	15.64	15.79	15.79	16.57	16.57	16.57	15.10	15.10	15.10	15.90	15.90	15.90
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	28.10	28.10	28.10	28.00	28.29	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00	28.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	24.56	24.56	24.56	24.43	24.07	24.14	24.58	25.58	24.50	23.70	23.70	23.70	24.60	24.10	24.10
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.95	10.00	10.00	10.29	10.36	10.36	10.86	10.86	10.86	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.50	10.50	10.50
" fresh ..	quart	7.35	7.35	7.35	6.80	6.80	6.80	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.20	7.20	7.20	6.25	6.25	6.25
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	14.00	13.50	13.50	13.14	13.14	13.14	12.33	12.33	12.17	11.80	11.80	11.80	10.80	10.80	10.80
" rib ..	"	10.65	10.45	10.45	9.43	9.57	9.71	9.17	9.17	9.00	8.30	8.10	8.10	8.60	8.60	8.40
" steak, rump ..	"	20.70	20.80	20.80	18.14	18.14	18.14	17.67	17.67	17.50	17.80	17.80	17.80	16.20	16.20	16.20
" chuck ..	"	9.75	9.65	9.70	9.29	9.29	9.43	9.83	9.83	9.67	8.60	8.60	8.60	8.60	8.60	8.60
" sausages ..	"	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	12.15	12.15	12.15	12.14	12.14	12.14	11.08	11.08	11.17	11.60	11.60	11.60	10.60	10.60	10.60
" brisket ..	"	8.45	8.35	8.35	8.86	8.71	8.86	8.92	8.83	8.75	7.40	7.60	7.40	7.80	7.80	7.80
Mutton, leg ..	"	10.45	10.40	10.40	10.36	10.29	10.14	10.17	10.17	10.17	9.80	9.80	9.80	10.60	10.60	10.60
" forequarter ..	"	5.25	5.25	5.25	5.36	5.36	5.43	5.42	5.42	5.42	4.70	4.80	4.80	6.30	6.30	6.30
" loin ..	"	8.95	9.15	9.15	7.64	7.64	7.71	8.33	8.33	8.17	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
" chops, loin ..	"	9.60	9.90	9.90	8.43	8.43	8.43	9.17	9.17	8.83	8.80	8.80	8.80	9.20	9.20	9.00
" leg ..	"	11.00	10.95	11.00	11.14	11.14	11.00	10.33	10.33	9.83	9.80	9.70	9.70	10.10	10.10	10.10
Pork, leg (a) ..	"	15.95	15.95	15.95	15.43	15.43	15.43	15.75	15.75	15.75	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.80	14.80	14.80
" loin (a) ..	"	16.80	16.80	16.80	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.40	15.40	15.40	14.80	14.80	14.80
" chops (a) ..	"	17.65	17.65	17.65	17.43	17.43	17.43	17.25	17.25	17.25	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.80	15.80	15.80
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	262.55	..	..	179.01	..	..	187.02	..	..	239.34	..	..	234.94	..

RETAIL PRICES.

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

**QUEENSLAND—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1944; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1944.**

Article.	Unit.	BRISBANE.			TOOWOOMBA.			ROCKHAMPTON.			TOWNSVILLE.			BUNDABERG.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>d.</i>
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.75	5.75	5.75
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.09	4.09	4.09	4.57	4.57	4.57	5.43	5.36	5.36	5.40	5.40	5.40	4.50	4.50	4.50
" self-raising ..	"	8.64	8.64	8.64	9.36	9.36	9.36	9.86	9.86	9.86	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.60	9.60	9.60
Tea ..	lb.	27.05	27.05	27.05	27.50	27.50	27.50	27.93	27.93	27.93	27.70	27.70	27.70	27.60	28.00	28.00
Sugar ..	"	3.98	3.98	3.98	4.23	4.23	4.23	4.04	4.04	4.04	4.65	4.65	4.65	3.97	3.97	3.97
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	3.57	3.57	3.57	3.83	3.83	3.83	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.20	4.20	4.20	4.00	4.00	4.00
Sago (a) ..	"	6.63	6.63	6.63	7.25	7.25	7.25	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	12.34	12.47	12.31	13.04	13.04	13.04	13.68	13.46	13.54	13.25	13.25	14.80	12.20	12.20	12.20
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	6.86	6.86	6.86	7.71	7.71	7.71	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.20	8.10	8.20	7.60	7.40	7.40
Oats, flaked (a) ..	lb.	3.78	3.83	3.97	4.04	4.04	4.04	4.42	4.70	4.70	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.30	4.38	4.38
Raisins, seeded ..	"	12.64	12.55	12.55	13.50	13.50	13.50	13.64	13.57	13.57	14.33	14.33	14.33	13.30	13.30	13.30
Currants ..	"	11.30	11.30	11.25	11.36	11.36	11.36	11.57	11.57	11.57	11.70	11.70	11.50	11.20	11.20	11.20
Apricots, dried (a)	"	17.25	17.25	17.25	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.00	16.00	16.00
Peaches, canned (a)	30 oz.	13.89	13.89	13.89	14.90	14.90	14.90	15.70	15.70	15.70	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.30	14.30	14.30
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	14.43	14.43	14.43	15.20	15.20	15.20	16.10	16.10	16.10	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.00	15.00	15.00
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	21.33	21.33	21.33	24.63	24.63	24.63	20.50	20.50	20.50	24.00	24.00	24.00	21.00	21.00	21.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.90	8.35	8.37	8.76	8.77	8.77	9.70	9.50	9.50	11.14	11.14	11.00	8.69	9.20	9.00
Onions, brown ..	lb.	2.86	2.93	3.00	2.36	2.58	3.00	2.21	2.88	3.50	2.30	2.30	3.50	2.48	3.50	3.33
Soap ..	"	7.03	7.06	7.06	7.43	7.48	7.43	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.53	7.53	7.53	7.26	7.26	7.26
Kerosene ..	quart	5.69	5.70	5.70	6.36	6.36	6.36	7.08	7.10	7.10	7.46	7.46	7.46	6.45	6.33	6.33
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	19.91	19.91	19.91	19.93	19.93	19.93	20.14	20.14	20.14	21.60	21.60	21.60	19.80	19.80	19.80
Cheese, mild ..	"	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.21	15.21	15.21	15.64	15.64	15.64	17.10	17.10	16.90	15.30	15.50	15.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	27.73	27.73	27.73	24.00	23.71	23.33	23.71	29.67	29.67	28.00	28.00	28.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Bacon, rashers(a) ..	lb.	18.75	23.06	23.00	17.67	23.17	23.50	19.21	22.00	22.57	17.70	23.00	22.00	18.25	24.00	23.33
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.68	9.73	9.82	9.79	9.79	9.79	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.10	10.10	10.10	10.00	10.10	10.10
" fresh ..	quart	7.10	7.10	7.10	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.86	6.86	6.86	9.40	9.40	9.40	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	12.15	12.15	12.15	12.00	12.00	12.00	10.57	10.57	10.57	11.80	12.20	11.80	11.80	11.80	11.80
" rib ..	"	6.85	6.85	6.85	8.50	8.50	8.50	7.25	7.25	7.25	7.00	7.00	7.10	8.90	8.90	8.90
" steak, rump ..	"	17.00	16.95	16.95	17.00	17.00	17.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
" chuck ..	"	7.85	7.85	7.85	9.00	9.00	9.00	7.86	7.86	7.86	7.40	7.40	7.40	9.40	9.40	9.40
" sausages ..	"	7.64	7.69	7.69	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.14	8.14	8.14	7.80	7.80	7.80	9.10	9.10	9.10
" (corned) silver-side ..	"	10.80	10.80	10.80	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.43	10.43	10.43	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.20	10.20	10.20
" brisket ..	"	7.80	8.00	7.90	9.50	9.50	9.50	8.57	8.67	8.67	7.00	7.00	7.00	9.10	9.20	9.10
Mutton, leg ..	"	8.40	8.40	8.40	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.07	9.07	9.07	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.40	10.40	10.40
" forequarter ..	"	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.14	6.29	6.29	6.00	6.00	6.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
" loin ..	"	7.45	7.45	7.60	9.14	9.07	9.07	8.93	8.93	8.93	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
" chops, loin ..	"	8.45	8.45	8.45	9.07	9.00	9.00	9.07	9.07	9.07	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
" leg ..	"	7.89	7.89	7.89	9.83	9.83	9.83	9.07	9.07	9.07	8.40	8.40	8.40	10.00	10.10	10.10
Pork, leg(a) ..	"	16.07	16.07	16.07	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.86	15.86	15.86	15.00	14.67	16.00	15.80	15.80	15.80
" loin(a) ..	"	15.86	15.86	15.86	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.86	15.86	15.86	12.00	12.67	13.00	15.80	15.80	15.80
" chops(a) ..	"	16.00	16.00	16.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.86	15.86	15.86	12.00	12.67	13.00	16.80	16.80	16.80
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	232.67	..	..	216.22	..	..	206.85	..	..	217.71	..	..	169.04	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

RETAIL PRICES.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1944; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1944.

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Article.	Unit.	ADELAIDE.			KADINA.			PORT PIKE.			MT. GAMBIER.			PETERBOROUGH.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—																
Bread ..	2 lb.	d. 5.75	d. 5.75	d. 5.75	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00	d. 6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.55	4.55	4.55	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.07	5.07	5.07	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
" self-raising ..	"	7.15	7.15	7.15	8.64	8.64	8.64	8.86	8.86	8.86	9.20	9.20	9.20	8.63	8.63	8.63
Tea ..	lb.	27.10	27.10	27.10	27.89	27.89	27.89	27.14	27.14	27.14	27.20	27.20	27.20	28.00	28.00	28.00
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.17	4.17	4.17	4.19	4.19	4.19	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian) (a) ..	"	3.50	3.50	3.50	4.10	4.10	4.10	4.63	4.63	4.63	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25
Sago (a) ..	"	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.75	6.75	6.75	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	7.50	7.50
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	13.15	13.15	13.15	13.79	13.79	13.79	13.83	13.83	13.83	13.30	13.30	13.30	13.63	13.63	13.63
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	6.95	6.95	6.90	8.43	8.43	8.43	8.86	8.86	8.86	8.50	8.50	8.50	8.63	8.63	8.63
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	3.53	3.53	3.58	3.90	3.90	3.90	4.05	4.05	4.05	3.81	3.81	3.81	4.00	4.00	4.00
Raisins, seeded ..	"	11.65	11.60	11.60	12.75	12.79	12.79	13.26	13.26	13.26	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00
Currants ..	"	9.90	9.90	9.90	10.64	10.64	10.64	11.00	11.00	11.00	10.70	10.70	10.70	11.00	11.00	11.00
Apricots, dried (a) ..	"	17.38	17.38	17.38	17.00	17.00	17.00	16.67	16.67	16.67	17.67	17.67	17.67	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned (a) ..	30 oz.	13.42	13.42	13.42	14.50	14.50	14.50	15.83	15.83	15.83	14.00	14.00	14.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	13.30	13.30	13.30	14.75	14.75	14.75	15.50	15.50	15.50	13.75	13.75	13.75	14.67	14.67	14.67
Salmon, in tins (a) ..	lb.	20.80	20.80	20.80	19.50	19.50	19.50	19.00	19.00	19.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.40	8.45	8.40	10.17	10.17	10.17	10.16	10.16	10.16	8.58	8.70	8.70	10.38	10.38	10.38
Onions, brown ..	lb.	2.60	2.48	2.38	3.33	3.00	3.00	3.14	3.07	3.00	2.50	2.50	2.50	3.17	3.17	3.00
Soap ..	"	7.36	7.36	7.36	7.76	7.76	7.76	7.88	7.88	7.88	7.60	7.60	7.60	7.75	7.75	7.75
Kerosene ..	quart	5.64	5.64	5.64	6.29	6.29	6.29	6.61	6.61	6.61	6.23	6.23	6.23	6.44	6.44	6.44
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	21.57	21.57	21.57	20.86	20.86	20.86	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.88	20.88	20.88
Cheese, mild ..	"	14.72	14.72	14.83	16.29	16.29	16.29	17.00	17.00	17.00	15.60	15.60	15.60	16.50	16.50	16.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	28.25	28.25	28.25	21.00	23.00	23.00	22.33	23.67	24.00	21.80	23.00	23.20	21.25	22.50	23.25
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	19.70	19.90	19.90	20.43	20.57	20.57	21.57	21.57	21.57	20.80	20.60	20.00	21.50	21.50	21.25
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.30	9.30	9.30	10.29	10.29	10.29	10.21	10.21	10.21	10.50	10.50	10.50	9.75	9.75	9.75
" fresh ..	quart	6.50	6.50	6.50	8.00	7.43	7.43	8.00	8.00	8.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	12.05	11.95	11.95	11.29	11.29	11.29	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.40	11.40	11.40	8.33	8.33	8.33
" rib ..	"	9.78	9.89	9.89	10.43	10.43	10.43	9.86	9.86	9.86	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.33	8.33	8.33
" steak, rump ..	"	16.50	16.50	16.50	15.00	15.00	15.00	17.00	17.00	17.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
" chuck ..	"	10.40	10.20	10.05	10.43	10.43	10.43	12.00	12.00	12.00	7.60	7.60	7.60	9.00	9.00	9.00
" sausages ..	"	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.29	7.29	7.29	8.00	8.00	8.00	5.80	5.80	5.80	6.33	6.33	6.33
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	11.90	11.80	11.70	11.86	11.86	11.86	12.00	12.00	12.00	11.00	11.00	11.00	11.33	11.33	11.33
" brisket ..	"	8.60	8.55	8.55	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.60	8.60	8.60	9.33	9.33	9.33
Mutton, leg ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.93	8.93	8.93	10.14	10.14	10.14	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.33	9.33	9.33
" forequarter ..	"	4.60	4.75	4.65	5.79	5.79	5.79	6.43	6.43	6.43	4.40	4.40	4.50	4.83	4.83	4.83
" loin ..	"	7.90	8.25	8.25	7.57	7.57	7.71	7.64	7.64	8.00	7.40	7.40	7.80	7.33	8.33	8.33
" chops, loin ..	"	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.43	8.43	8.43	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
" leg ..	"	10.30	10.30	10.30	9.14	9.14	9.14	10.21	10.21	10.21	8.80	8.80	8.80	9.67	9.67	9.67
Pork, leg (a) ..	"	14.00	14.00	14.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.14	13.14	13.14	12.00	12.00	12.00	13.33	13.33	13.33
" loin (a) ..	"	14.30	14.30	14.30	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.57	12.57	12.57	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
" chops (a) ..	"	14.90	14.90	14.90	12.57	12.57	12.57	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.33	13.33	13.33
House Rents																
4 and 5 Rooms ..	..	240.61	..	..	96.49	..	..	179.48	..	..	179.81	..	..	189.04	..	..

RETAIL PRICES.

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED FOR THE YEAR 1944; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH, 1944.

Article.	Unit.	PERTH AND FREMANTLE.			KALGOORLIE AND BOULDER.			NORTHAM.			BUNBURY.			GERALDTON.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.50	6.50	6.50	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.50	6.00	6.00	6.00
Flour, ordinary ..	"	5.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.75	4.75	4.75	5.00	5.00	5.00
" self-raising ..	"	7.95	7.95	7.95	9.00	9.00	9.00	8.38	8.38	8.38	8.33	8.33	8.33	9.00	9.00	9.00
Tea ..	lb.	27.00	27.00	27.00	28.86	28.86	28.86	27.63	27.63	27.63	27.38	27.38	27.38	27.90	27.90	27.90
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.96	5.00	5.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.23	4.23	4.23	4.50	4.50	4.50
Rice (Australian) (a)	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	5.17	5.17	5.17	4.60	4.00	4.00	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
Sago (a) ..	"	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	11.00	11.00	11.00	12.79	12.50	12.50	11.63	11.63	11.63	11.50	11.50	11.50	12.00	12.00	12.00
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	7.95	7.95	7.95	10.57	10.50	10.50	8.75	8.75	8.75	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.88	4.88	4.81	4.33	4.33	4.33	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.95	4.95	4.95
Raisins, seeded ..	"	12.70	12.70	12.70	13.29	13.80	13.80	13.17	13.17	13.17	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.50	13.50	13.50
Currants ..	"	10.28	10.28	10.28	11.36	11.57	11.57	10.88	10.88	10.88	10.75	10.75	10.75	11.00	11.00	11.00
Apricots, dried (a)	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	18.00	19.06	19.06	19.06	18.00	18.00	18.00
Peaches, canned ..	30 oz.	14.00	14.00	14.00	16.86	17.00	17.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00	15.00
Pears, canned ..	"	14.50	14.50	14.50	17.14	17.40	17.40	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50	15.50
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	24.67	24.67	24.67	20.00	20.00	20.00	22.00	22.00	22.00	23.00	23.00	23.00
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.37	8.43	8.42	9.71	9.86	9.86	8.75	8.75	9.00	8.23	8.23	8.50	9.20	9.20	9.30
Onions, brown ..	lb.	2.60	2.75	2.85	3.29	3.07	3.21	2.63	2.63	2.75	3.50	3.50	3.50	3.30	3.20	3.30
Soap ..	"	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.90	8.00	8.00	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.42	7.42	7.42	7.67	7.67	7.67
Kerosene ..	quart	6.60	6.60	6.60	8.65	8.50	8.50	7.13	7.13	7.13	7.38	7.38	7.38	7.63	7.63	7.63
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	23.79	22.93	22.93	21.50	21.50	21.50	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.50	21.50	21.50
Cheese, mild ..	"	16.90	16.90	16.90	18.50	18.42	18.43	17.63	17.63	17.63	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.50
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	27.90	28.00	28.00	30.14	31.29	31.71	22.50	28.00	28.00	23.00	23.50	24.00	22.20	23.00	23.00
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	20.35	20.35	20.35	20.71	21.43	21.43	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.75	20.75	20.75	21.00	21.00	21.00
Milk, condensed ..	tin	9.90	9.90	9.80	10.50	10.93	11.00	10.13	10.13	10.13	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.50
" fresh ..	quart	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.00	8.00	8.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	12.50	12.55	12.50	12.29	12.29	12.29	11.38	11.38	11.38	12.20	12.25	12.38	12.50	12.50	12.50
" rib ..	"	10.90	10.90	10.80	11.29	11.29	11.29	10.63	10.63	10.63	10.20	10.25	10.38	10.50	10.50	10.50
" steak, rump ..	"	18.65	18.65	18.15	18.21	18.21	18.21	18.38	18.38	18.38	18.20	18.25	18.38	18.50	18.50	18.50
" chuck ..	"	11.00	11.00	10.90	12.21	12.21	12.21	11.63	11.63	11.63	11.00	11.00	11.13	11.17	11.50	11.50
" sausages ..	"	8.70	8.70	8.80	10.07	10.07	10.07	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	11.10	11.10	10.80	12.43	12.43	12.43	11.38	11.38	11.38	10.20	10.25	10.25	11.50	11.50	11.50
" brisket ..	"	8.95	8.95	8.80	8.86	8.86	8.86	8.75	8.88	8.88	8.20	8.25	8.25	9.50	9.50	9.50
Mutton, leg ..	"	9.70	9.70	9.60	10.57	10.57	10.57	9.75	9.75	9.75	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00
" forequarter ..	"	6.00	6.00	6.15	6.64	6.64	6.64	6.13	6.25	6.25	6.40	6.50	6.50	6.00	6.00	6.00
" loin ..	"	9.70	9.70	9.70	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.25	9.25	9.25	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.33	11.33	11.33
" chops, loin ..	"	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.93	10.93	10.93	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
" leg ..	"	10.60	10.60	10.60	10.93	10.93	10.93	9.75	9.75	9.75	10.00	10.00	10.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
Pork, leg (a) ..	"	14.30	14.30	14.30	15.00	15.00	15.00	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.20	12.20	12.20	14.00	14.00	14.00
" loin (a) ..	"	14.30	14.30	14.30	14.71	14.71	14.71	12.50	12.50	12.50	12.00	12.00	12.00	14.00	14.00	14.00
" chops (a) ..	"	14.30	14.30	14.30	15.57	15.57	15.57	12.75	12.75	12.75	12.00	12.00	12.00	14.33	14.33	14.33
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	288.77	..	..	260.69	..	..	226.01	..	..	245.15	..	..	266.48	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

**TASMANIA—AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES RULING IN EACH OF FIVE PRINCIPAL TOWNS ON THE 15th OF THE MONTHS SPECIFIED
FOR THE YEAR 1944 ; ALSO THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE WEEKLY HOUSE RENTS—QUARTER ENDED 31st MARCH 1944.**

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Article.	Unit.	HOBART.			LAUNCESTON.			BURNIE.			DEVONPORT.			QUEENSTOWN.		
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.
Groceries, &c.—		d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.	d.
Bread ..	2 lb.	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.50	5.90	5.90	5.90	6.00	6.00	6.00	5.50	5.50	5.50
Flour, ordinary ..	"	4.00	4.10	4.10	3.79	3.79	3.79	4.60	4.60	4.60	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
" self-raising ..	"	7.45	7.45	7.45	7.29	7.29	7.29	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.10	8.10	8.10	7.75	7.75	7.75
Tea ..	lb.	27.10	27.10	27.10	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.00	27.10	27.10	27.10	27.00	27.00	27.00
Sugar ..	"	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.25	4.00	4.00	4.00
Rice (Australian)(a)	"	3.86	3.86	3.86	3.80	3.80	3.80	4.17	4.17	4.17	3.83	3.83	3.83	4.17	4.17	4.17
Sago(a) ..	"	7.63	7.63	7.63	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.67	7.67	7.67
Jam, plum ..	1½ lb.	9.60	9.60	9.60	9.00	9.00	9.00	9.50	9.50	9.50	9.70	9.70	9.70	9.50	9.50	9.50
Golden Syrup ..	2 lb.	8.25	8.20	8.25	7.50	7.50	7.50	8.10	8.10	8.10	7.80	7.80	7.80	9.50	9.50	9.38
Oats, flaked ..	lb.	4.00	4.00	4.00	3.68	3.68	3.68	3.90	3.90	3.90	3.70	3.70	3.70	4.75	4.75	4.75
Raisins, seeded ..	"	12.25	12.25	12.25	12.14	12.14	12.14	12.30	12.30	12.30	12.38	12.75	12.75	12.88	12.88	12.88
Currants ..	"	10.80	10.80	10.80	10.57	10.57	10.57	10.30	10.30	10.30	10.50	10.50	10.50	10.67	10.67	10.67
Apricots, dried (a)	"	18.00	18.00	18.00	16.25	16.25	16.25	17.50	17.50	17.50	17.00	17.00	17.00	18.25	18.25	18.25
Peaches, canned (a)	30 oz.	13.30	13.30	13.30	13.17	13.17	13.17	13.30	13.30	13.30	14.00	14.00	14.00	14.25	14.25	14.25
Pears, canned (a) ..	"	13.38	13.38	13.67	13.20	13.20	13.20	12.83	12.83	13.38	14.33	14.33	14.33	14.63	14.63	14.63
Salmon, in tins (a)	lb.	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	22.50	22.50	22.50	22.17	22.17	22.17	19.83	19.83	19.83
Potatoes ..	7 lb.	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	8.40	10.80	10.61	10.61
Onions, brown ..	lb.	3.44	3.33	3.35	2.93	2.90	3.00	2.90	2.90	2.90	3.00	3.20	3.10	3.38	3.50	3.38
Soap ..	"	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.33	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.33	7.33	7.33
Kerosene ..	quart	7.77	7.45	7.29	7.63	7.63	7.59	7.54	7.54	7.54	7.83	7.73	7.73	8.72	8.72	8.72
Dairy Produce—																
Butter, factory ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.25	20.25	20.25
Cheese, mild ..	"	17.60	17.60	17.60	15.67	15.67	15.67	16.90	16.90	16.90	17.20	17.20	17.20	17.33	17.17	17.33
Eggs, new laid ..	doz.	28.00	28.00	28.00	27.50	28.00	28.00	23.70	24.60	24.80	22.40	22.80	22.80	28.75	29.50	29.63
Bacon, rashers ..	lb.	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.57	20.67	20.71	21.00	21.00	21.00	20.75	20.75	20.75	20.33	21.00	21.33
Milk, condensed ..	tin	10.10	10.10	10.10	9.93	9.93	9.93	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.40	10.38	10.38	10.38
" fresh ..	quart	7.50	7.50	7.50	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	7.00	11.00	11.00	11.00
Meat—																
Beef, sirloin ..	lb.	12.15	11.95	11.95	11.07	10.71	10.71	11.50	11.50	11.00	10.33	10.33	10.33	12.00	12.00	12.00
" rib ..	"	10.75	10.65	10.45	9.08	9.08	9.00	11.00	11.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	10.00	11.33	11.33	11.33
" steak, rump ..	"	17.20	16.80	16.80	14.86	14.57	14.71	14.50	14.50	14.00	12.67	12.67	12.67	15.33	15.33	15.33
" chuck ..	"	9.95	9.95	9.95	8.29	8.29	8.29	9.75	9.75	8.75	9.00	9.00	8.67	11.33	11.33	11.33
" sausages ..	"	7.80	7.80	7.80	7.43	7.57	7.57	8.25	8.25	8.25	8.00	8.00	8.00	9.00	9.00	9.00
Beef (corned) silver-side ..	"	11.65	11.65	11.65	10.64	10.50	10.50	12.13	12.00	10.00	10.33	10.33	10.00	12.33	12.33	12.00
" brisket ..	"	9.85	9.75	9.75	9.21	8.86	8.71	10.25	10.13	9.00	9.33	9.33	9.00	11.33	11.33	11.00
Mutton, leg ..	"	10.00	10.00	10.00	9.71	9.29	9.29	14.00	14.00	10.00	11.33	11.33	10.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
" forequarter ..	"	6.10	5.80	5.80	6.14	5.93	5.79	10.25	10.25	6.00	9.33	9.33	6.00	9.33	9.33	9.33
" loin ..	"	9.85	9.65	9.65	8.50	8.93	8.79	13.50	13.50	9.00	12.00	12.00	9.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
" chops, loin ..	"	10.80	10.50	10.50	10.36	9.64	9.64	14.25	14.25	10.00	12.00	12.00	10.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
" " leg ..	"	10.90	10.70	10.50	10.50	9.93	9.93	14.25	14.25	10.00	12.00	12.00	10.00	12.00	12.00	12.00
Pork, leg ..	"	16.44	14.11	14.00	15.00	14.00	14.00	14.25	14.25	14.25	13.33	13.00	13.00	14.33	14.33	14.00
" loin ..	"	16.56	14.11	14.00	15.14	14.00	14.00	14.50	14.50	14.25	13.33	13.00	13.00	14.33	14.33	14.00
" chops ..	"	17.22	14.22	14.11	15.57	14.00	14.00	14.75	14.75	14.50	13.00	12.67	12.67	14.33	14.33	14.00
House Rents ..	4 and 5 Rooms	..	250.97	..	..	231.82	..	..	213.93	..	..	193.64	..	..	202.81	..

(a) Prices nominal in some cases owing to scarcity of supplies.

RETAIL PRICES.

Section VIII.—Wholesale Price Index-Numbers.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

(Base : 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Metals and Coal.	Wool, Cotton, Leather, &c.	Agri- cultural Pro- duce, &c.	Dairy Pro- duce.	Gro- ceries.	Meat.	Building Ma- terials.	Chem- icals.	All Groups.
1861.. ..	1,438	1,381	1,583	1,008	1,963	..	1,070	2,030	1,538
1871.. ..	1,096	1,257	1,236	864	1,586	..	1,044	1,409	1,220
1881.. ..	1,178	1,115	1,012	935	1,421	..	1,091	1,587	1,121
1891.. ..	895	847	1,024	995	1,032	888	780	1,194	945
1901.. ..	1,061	774	928	1,029	1,048	1,345	841	917	974
1902.. ..	1,007	756	1,192	1,215	945	1,447	837	881	1,051
1903.. ..	923	834	1,209	1,059	936	1,443	875	921	1,049
1904.. ..	821	885	754	876	916	1,427	845	875	890
1905.. ..	772	850	894	950	942	1,209	801	859	910
1906.. ..	882	978	916	972	923	1,110	896	864	948
1907.. ..	1,037	1,017	973	1,020	948	1,294	968	961	1,021
1908.. ..	1,033	901	1,312	1,198	968	1,335	935	891	1,115
1909.. ..	1,014	907	1,000	1,119	978	1,088	911	815	993
1910.. ..	1,004	1,052	969	1,100	999	1,068	996	898	1,003
1911.. ..	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
1912.. ..	1,021	991	1,370	1,206	1,052	1,357	1,057	978	1,170
1913.. ..	1,046	1,070	1,097	1,054	1,024	1,252	1,128	995	1,088
1914.. ..	1,099	1,032	1,207	1,137	1,021	1,507	1,081	1,253	1,149
1915.. ..	1,284	1,017	2,162	1,530	1,133	2,435	1,275	1,528	1,604
1916.. ..	1,695	1,423	1,208	1,455	1,322	2,515	1,491	1,760	1,504
1917.. ..	2,129	2,005	1,157	1,423	1,343	2,403	1,884	2,171	1,662
1918.. ..	2,416	2,360	1,444	1,454	1,422	2,385	2,686	3,225	1,934
1919.. ..	2,125	2,363	1,985	1,651	1,516	2,348	2,851	2,898	2,058
1920.. ..	2,298	2,624	2,439	2,209	1,918	3,279	3,226	2,825	2,480
1921.. ..	2,173	1,362	1,767	2,000	1,976	2,158	2,733	2,303	1,903
1922.. ..	1,942	1,681	1,628	1,648	1,869	1,787	2,005	1,965	1,758
1923.. ..	1,826	2,148	1,778	1,887	1,746	2,579	2,025	1,933	1,944
1924.. ..	1,835	2,418	1,647	1,655	1,721	2,223	1,815	1,806	1,885
1925.. ..	1,852	1,967	1,797	1,636	1,723	2,212	1,711	1,790	1,844
1926.. ..	1,938	1,582	2,001	1,784	1,731	1,931	1,665	1,316	1,832
1927.. ..	1,962	1,650	1,826	1,823	1,724	2,111	1,624	1,866	1,817
1928.. ..	1,912	1,781	1,726	1,751	1,707	2,015	1,744	1,923	1,792
1929.. ..	1,912	1,556	1,792	1,853	1,690	2,246	1,754	1,942	1,803
1930.. ..	1,866	1,127	1,484	1,624	1,666	2,025	1,875	1,982	1,596
1931.. ..	1,826	1,039	1,121	1,399	1,794	1,508	2,025	2,166	1,428
1932.. ..	1,736	1,000	1,230	1,303	1,767	1,348	2,043	2,127	1,411
1933.. ..	1,713	1,119	1,175	1,195	1,714	1,487	2,061	2,106	1,409
1934.. ..	1,660	1,261	1,288	1,274	1,735	1,540	2,015	2,018	1,471
1935.. ..	1,602	1,217	1,344	1,325	1,729	1,508	1,964	1,996	1,469
1936.. ..	1,566	1,331	1,480	1,351	1,731	1,684	1,969	1,997	1,543
1937.. ..	1,772	1,406	1,604	1,451	1,750	1,678	2,430	2,006	1,650
1938.. ..	1,746	1,051	1,789	1,549	1,747	1,871	2,238	2,059	1,663
1939.. ..	1,758	1,101	1,820	1,557	1,752	1,710	2,220	2,075	1,605
1940.. ..	1,854	1,362	1,568	1,567	1,784	1,882	2,890	2,298	1,713
1941.. ..	1,960	1,402	1,721	1,554	1,884	1,776	3,138	2,527	1,796
1942.. ..	2,146	1,507	1,900	1,665	1,937	2,312	3,409	2,437	1,977
1943.. ..	2,272	1,945	1,964	1,716	1,937	2,366	3,764	2,442	2,117

NOTE.—The index of wholesale prices above was first computed in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends over the past 83 years which it covers, on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. Reference to a description of the index published in the annual *Labour Report* will indicate that animal fodders preponderate in the "Agricultural Produce" group, while "Building Materials" include little besides imported timber. In other groups, some principal items have increased in consumption while others have decreased. A new wholesale price index, covering basic materials and foodstuffs, has therefore been computed, in which the items have been regrouped and reweighted as indicated, and comparative index numbers back to 1928-29 are published on the next page.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices published on the previous page. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials, coal and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base : Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Foodstuffs and Tobacco.	Goods principally Imported.	Goods principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1928-29 ..	1,269	1,064	1,288	1,214	1,148	948	1,070	911	1,183	1,103
1935-36 ..	920	952	997	991	879	930	917	945	918	926
1936-37 ..	962	984	1,185	988	1,106	989	974	991	980	984
1937-38 ..	1,013	1,012	1,000	1,001	969	1,041	997	1,018	1,000	1,005
1938-39 ..	1,025	1,004	815	1,011	925	970	1,029	991	1,020	1,011
1939-40 ..	1,051	1,152	1,038	1,068	1,163	1,084	1,012	1,106	1,025	1,047
1940-41 ..	1,074	1,374	1,105	1,236	1,256	1,284	1,069	1,325	1,060	1,140
1941-42 ..	1,173	1,509	1,184	1,372	1,350	1,352	1,169	1,525	1,123	1,242
1942-43 ..	1,288	1,667	1,471	1,422	1,383	1,628	1,276	1,760	1,210	1,372
1940-41 ..										
October ..	1,067	1,364	1,095	1,229	1,216	1,288	1,076	1,274	1,083	1,140
November ..	1,067	1,364	1,092	1,237	1,277	1,288	1,042	1,269	1,062	1,123
December ..	1,067	1,368	1,097	1,237	1,270	1,288	1,102	1,356	1,072	1,156
January ..	1,075	1,367	1,099	1,238	1,254	1,283	1,109	1,357	1,077	1,161
February ..	1,076	1,365	1,097	1,238	1,245	1,284	1,067	1,362	1,043	1,138
March ..	1,076	1,366	1,118	1,241	1,256	1,284	1,059	1,362	1,037	1,133
April ..	1,088	1,410	1,131	1,241	1,287	1,284	1,062	1,382	1,043	1,143
May ..	1,090	1,410	1,153	1,241	1,355	1,307	1,061	1,401	1,040	1,147
June ..	1,090	1,411	1,155	1,241	1,295	1,307	1,064	1,402	1,041	1,149
1941-42— ..										
July ..	1,123	1,412	1,131	1,241	1,300	1,310	1,099	1,416	1,070	1,172
August ..	1,127	1,437	1,145	1,265	1,299	1,310	1,130	1,425	1,097	1,195
September ..	1,165	1,461	1,157	1,363	1,299	1,310	1,144	1,471	1,108	1,215
October ..	1,165	1,465	1,172	1,363	1,302	1,317	1,144	1,491	1,102	1,217
November ..	1,165	1,491	1,177	1,391	1,339	1,326	1,146	1,527	1,097	1,225
December ..	1,173	1,489	1,171	1,391	1,364	1,326	1,125	1,516	1,088	1,215
January ..	1,173	1,522	1,166	1,406	1,420	1,326	1,130	1,511	1,102	1,223
February ..	1,175	1,530	1,185	1,406	1,432	1,326	1,154	1,507	1,124	1,237
March ..	1,175	1,576	1,197	1,408	1,365	1,326	1,160	1,523	1,130	1,246
April ..	1,206	1,574	1,221	1,408	1,364	1,326	1,191	1,540	1,154	1,260
May ..	1,208	1,574	1,242	1,410	1,361	1,516	1,270	1,680	1,181	1,327
June ..	1,213	1,574	1,238	1,410	1,361	1,514	1,326	1,694	1,219	1,358
1942-43— ..										
July ..	1,213	1,590	1,363	1,410	1,361	1,514	1,311	1,653	1,232	1,356
August ..	1,234	1,644	1,359	1,410	1,361	1,516	1,318	1,661	1,247	1,369
September ..	1,237	1,644	1,381	1,410	1,361	1,516	1,334	1,724	1,237	1,379
October ..	1,302	1,649	1,386	1,410	1,361	1,516	1,292	1,721	1,219	1,367
November ..	1,308	1,651	1,391	1,425	1,361	1,529	1,281	1,750	1,205	1,365
December ..	1,308	1,684	1,484	1,425	1,358	1,691	1,255	1,801	1,193	1,371
January ..	1,308	1,686	1,544	1,425	1,406	1,691	1,210	1,791	1,166	1,349
February ..	1,308	1,688	1,535	1,429	1,406	1,701	1,234	1,790	1,185	1,363
March ..	1,308	1,693	1,544	1,429	1,406	1,701	1,258	1,802	1,200	1,377
April ..	1,310	1,693	1,521	1,430	1,406	1,709	1,266	1,807	1,205	1,382
May ..	1,310	1,693	1,573	1,430	1,406	1,709	1,267	1,801	1,211	1,384
June ..	1,310	1,693	1,574	1,430	1,406	1,741	1,291	1,824	1,222	1,399
1943-44— ..										
July ..	1,310	1,694	1,569	1,433	1,406	1,741	1,297	1,824	1,228	1,404
August ..	1,310	1,694	1,541	1,433	1,406	1,741	1,283	1,823	1,216	1,395
September ..	1,310	1,694	1,502	1,433	1,406	1,741	1,290	1,828	1,218	1,397
October ..	1,310	1,691	1,507	1,433	1,406	1,741	1,279	1,826	1,210	1,392
November ..	1,310	1,694	1,436	1,433	1,406	1,741	1,279	1,843	1,200	1,380
December ..	1,310	1,694	1,499	1,433	1,406	1,743	1,274	1,835	1,203	1,389
January ..	1,310	1,696	1,490	1,433	1,406	1,743	1,277	1,841	1,203	1,391
February ..	1,310	1,696	1,488	1,433	1,419	1,743	1,267	1,828	1,200	1,385
March ..	1,310	1,696	1,488	1,433	1,419	1,746	1,269	1,833	1,200	1,387

PRIMARY PRODUCTION PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The annual index-numbers in the following table have been recomputed to the base Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000 from the revised series published in *Production Bulletin* No. 34 Part II. They are based in general on prices realized in the principal markets of Australia.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Farmyard and Dairying.	All Farming.	Mining other than Gold.(a)	Gold.(a)	All Groups
							%
1928-29	1,167	1,289	1,221	1,234	1,235	487	1,213
1935-36	937	989	868	947	907	1,004	947
1936-37	1,109	1,105	929	1,073	982	993	1,063
1937-38	992	1,017	1,012	1,008	1,085	996	1,014
1938-39	899	878	1,059	919	933	1,011	923
1939-40	887	1,021	1,066	982	974	1,115	985
1940-41	996	1,088	1,030	1,045	1,119	1,223	1,056
1941-42(b)	1,034	1,124	1,074	1,083	1,167	1,226	1,094
1942-43(b)	1,064	1,269	1,126	1,170	1,251	1,199	1,177
1942-43—(b)							
October	1,075	1,274	1,131	1,177	1,274	1,199	1,181
November	1,080	1,235	1,128	1,161	1,285	1,199	1,167
December	1,058	1,238	1,131	1,155	1,285	1,199	1,164
January	1,041	1,221	1,122	1,139	1,285	1,199	1,151
February	1,054	1,242	1,118	1,152	1,285	1,199	1,164
March	1,081	1,244	1,128	1,164	1,285	1,199	1,175
April	1,069	1,244	1,127	1,161	1,286	1,199	1,171
May	1,058	1,253	1,127	1,161	1,286	1,199	1,171
June	1,082	1,269	1,122	1,176	1,285	1,199	1,185
1943-44—(b)							
July	1,074	1,290	1,118	1,182	1,296	1,199	1,191
August	1,060	1,290	1,113	1,176	1,296	1,199	1,186
September	1,070	1,290	1,115	1,180	1,296	1,199	1,189
October	1,072	1,283	1,116	1,177	1,296	1,199	1,187
November	1,080	1,269	1,115	1,173	1,296	1,199	1,183
December	1,098	1,269	1,115	1,179	1,296	1,199	1,189
January	1,108	1,263	1,115	1,180	1,296	1,199	1,191
February	1,111	1,257	1,115	1,179	1,296	1,199	1,189
March	1,100	1,257	1,115	1,175	1,296	1,199	1,186

(a) Year ended December previous.

(b) Preliminary figures subject to revision, based on average wholesale prices in the period shown.

EXPORT PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

These index-numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which constitute about 85 per cent. of all exports. The prices are multiplied by the average quantities exported during a fairly recent and representative period.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Year.	Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.	Month.	1941-42.		1942-43.		1943-44.	
				Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.	Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.	Excluding Gold.	Including Gold.
1928-29	1,205	1,173	July ..	1,035	1,049	1,134	1,139	1,145	1,148
1931-32	714	718	August ..	1,037	1,051	1,133	1,138	1,154	1,157
1932-33	698	705	September ..	1,039	1,052	1,134	1,139	1,149	1,152
1933-34	959	896	October ..	1,043	1,056	1,132	1,136	1,155	1,159
1934-35	741	753	November ..	1,048	1,061	1,133	1,138	1,171	1,172
1935-36	942	946	December ..	1,049	1,061	1,132	1,136	1,172	1,175
1936-37	1,155	1,144							
1937-38	1,024	1,022	January ..	1,052	1,063	1,138	1,143	1,173	1,176
1938-39	821	834	February ..	1,051	1,062	1,137	1,141	1,172	1,175
1939-40	964	980	March ..	1,051	1,062	1,142	1,147	1,173	1,176
1940-41	1,026	1,039	April ..	1,052	1,063	1,142	1,147	..	..
1941-42	1,047	1,059	May ..	1,054	1,064	1,142	1,147	..	..
1942-43	1,137	1,142	June ..	1,049	1,058	1,142	1,147	..	..

NOTE.—While the index-numbers above indicate satisfactorily the general trend of the market, they take no account of the relative quantities actually sold at the different prices ruling in each month and consequently do not give an adequate indication of the significance of the price movements as they actually affected current sales. This is shown more accurately by the Export Price Index (Changing Base), published in the *Monthly Review of Business Statistics* and in the computation of which the "quantity-multipliers" are changed each month.

COMPARATIVE INDEX-NUMBERS FOR THE SIX CAPITAL CITIES COMBINED.

† (Base of Each Section : Weighted Average of Six Capitals, 1911 = 1,000.)

Period.	Retail Price Index-numbers.						Nominal Wages, Adult Males.	Real Wages. (a)	Percentage of Unemployment among Trade Unionists.
	Food and Groceries.	Housing (4 and 5 Rooms).	Food, Groceries and Housing (4 and 5 Rooms). "B" Series.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	All Items of Household Expenditure. "C" Series.			
Year—									%
1911	1,000	1,000	1,000	(b)1,000	(b)1,000	(b)1,000	1,000	1,000	4.7
1914	1,144	1,082	1,121	1,140	1,140	1,140	1,081	948	8.3
1921	1,902	1,410	1,717	1,883	1,537	1,680	1,826	1,087	11.2
1928	1,761	1,743	1,755	1,507	1,537	1,675	1,963	1,172	10.8
1938	1,584	1,540	1,568	1,253	1,463	1,488	1,799	1,209	8.7
1939	1,657	1,577	1,626	1,271	1,465	1,526	1,846	1,211	9.7
1940	1,679	1,590	1,644	1,445	1,519	1,588	1,889	1,190	8.0
1941	1,693	1,595	1,654	1,690	1,613	1,673	1,997	1,194	3.7
1942	1,843	1,596	1,742	1,977	1,693	1,809	2,164	1,196	1.6
1943	1,855	1,595	1,749	2,177	1,776	1,876	2,309	1,231	1.1
Quarter—									
1934.									
March	1,371	1,315	1,350	1,190	1,438	1,344	1,572	1,170	21.9
June	1,404	1,319	1,372	1,194	1,438	1,358	1,592	1,172	20.9
September ..	1,401	1,331	1,375	1,187	1,435	1,357	1,596	1,176	20.4
December ..	1,422	1,332	1,388	1,177	1,434	1,361	1,599	1,175	18.8
1935.									
March	1,420	1,356	1,396	1,174	1,446	1,368	1,607	1,175	18.6
June	1,425	1,363	1,402	1,180	1,441	1,371	1,609	1,174	17.8
September ..	1,461	1,379	1,430	1,188	1,437	1,389	1,613	1,161	15.9
December ..	1,460	1,390	1,434	1,188	1,435	1,391	1,620	1,165	13.7
1936.									
March	1,445	1,413	1,433	1,191	1,432	1,391	1,623	1,167	13.4
June	1,455	1,425	1,444	1,194	1,431	1,397	1,629	1,166	12.8
September ..	1,489	1,449	1,474	1,197	1,455	1,420	1,641	1,156	12.0
December ..	1,510	1,461	1,491	1,203	1,449	1,430	1,659	1,160	10.7
1937.									
March	1,510	1,470	1,495	1,205	1,452	1,433	1,662	1,160	9.9
June	1,507	1,483	1,498	1,221	1,461	1,441	1,680	1,166	9.7
September ..	1,526	1,499	1,516	1,230	1,464	1,454	1,721	1,184	9.3
December ..	1,540	1,510	1,529	1,245	1,467	1,465	1,763	1,203	8.2
1938.									
March	1,540	1,521	1,534	1,247	1,466	1,467	1,778	1,212	8.0
June	1,572	1,534	1,558	1,255	1,461	1,482	1,787	1,206	8.6
September ..	1,616	1,547	1,589	1,256	1,463	1,500	1,806	1,204	9.2
December ..	1,608	1,559	1,589	1,256	1,463	1,501	1,823	1,215	8.9
1939.									
March	1,673	1,568	1,631	1,258	1,461	1,524	1,826	1,198	9.6
June	1,654	1,575	1,623	1,264	1,461	1,522	1,847	1,214	9.5
September ..	1,645	1,582	1,620	1,264	1,463	1,520	1,854	1,220	10.2
December ..	1,657	1,584	1,628	1,297	1,472	1,536	1,858	1,210	9.3
1940.									
March	1,640	1,587	1,620	1,342	1,481	1,542	1,864	1,209	7.9
June	1,688	1,589	1,649	1,415	1,518	1,583	1,875	1,184	10.5
September ..	1,676	1,591	1,642	1,450	1,533	1,590	1,903	1,197	7.4
December ..	1,710	1,593	1,663	1,572	1,542	1,635	1,912	1,169	6.2
1941.									
March	1,713	1,595	1,666	1,598	1,581	1,651	1,966	1,191	5.3
June	1,679	1,595	1,646	1,669	1,594	1,660	1,984	1,195	3.6
September ..	1,673	1,595	1,643	1,705	1,633	1,675	2,002	1,195	3.2
December ..	1,705	1,596	1,662	1,787	1,644	1,707	2,034	1,192	2.9
1942.									
March	1,771	1,597	1,701	1,838	1,667	1,746	2,091	1,198	1.8
June	1,832	1,596	1,736	1,942	1,673	1,793	2,127	1,186	1.7
September ..	1,887	1,595	1,768	2,028	1,689	1,835	2,182	1,189	1.6
December ..	1,880	1,595	1,764	2,098	1,741	1,860	2,257	1,213	1.3
1943.									
March	1,860	1,595	1,752	2,130	1,749	1,863	2,283	1,225	1.2
June	1,891	1,595	1,771	2,216	1,763	1,897	2,292	1,208	1.1
September ..	1,853	1,594	1,748	2,192	1,773	1,880	2,331	1,240	1.1
December ..	1,815	1,595	1,726	2,171	1,778	1,864	2,329	1,249	1.1
1944.									
March	1,824	1,595	1,731	2,167	1,775	1,864	..	..	1.0

(a) Index of nominal weekly wage rates divided by "C" Series index of retail prices.

(b) Taken back from true base (November, 1914 = 1,000) by means of the Food and Rent (All Houses) Index.

† The index-numbers given in the separate columns of the table cannot be compared with each other in order to show, for example, the relative cost of housing, and food and groceries, since the cost in 1911 in each group or combination of groups is made equal to 1,000.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY—AUSTRALIA.

Heading.		Years.						
		1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1942.
		1881-82.	1891-92.	1901-02.	1911-12.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1940-41.
Population(a)	Males	1,247,059	1,736,617	2,004,836	2,382,232	2,799,462	3,332,577	3,621,058
	Females	1,059,677	1,504,368	1,820,077	2,191,554	2,711,532	3,220,029	3,575,664
	Persons	2,306,736	3,240,985	3,824,913	4,573,786	5,510,994	6,552,606	7,196,622
Births	No.	80,004	110,187	102,945	122,193	136,198	113,599	136,708
	Rate	35.26	34.47	27.16	27.21	24.95	18.16	19.06
Deaths	No.	33,327	47,430	46,330	47,869	54,076	56,560	75,191
	Rate	14.69	14.84	12.22	10.66	9.91	8.67	10.49
Marriages	No.	17,244	23,862	27,753	39,482	46,869	38,882	86,060
	Rate	7.60	7.47	7.32	8.79	8.59	5.96	12.00
		1881-82.	1891-92.	1901-02.	1911-12.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1940-41.
Agriculture--								
Wheat	Area, aca.	2,996,814	3,334,957	5,115,965	7,427,834	9,719,042	14,741,313	12,644,646
	Yld., bshl.	21,443,862	25,675,265	38,561,619	71,636,347	129,088,806	190,612,188	82,233,324
	Av., "	7.16	7.70	7.54	9.64	13.28	12.93	6.50
Oats	Area, aca.	194,816	246,129	461,430	616,794	733,406	1,085,489	1,722,902
	Yld., bshl.	4,795,897	5,726,256	9,789,854	9,561,833	12,147,433	15,194,680	10,199,218
	Av., "	24.62	23.27	21.22	15.50	16.56	14.00	5.92
Barley	Area, aca.	75,864	68,068	74,511	116,466	298,910	342,396	757,447
	Yld., bshl.	1,353,380	1,173,560	1,519,819	2,056,836	6,085,685	6,290,672	7,133,620
	Av., "	17.84	17.31	20.40	17.66	20.36	18.37	9.42
Maize	Area, aca.	165,777	284,428	294,849	340,065	305,186	269,448	362,861
	Yld., bshl.	5,726,266	9,261,922	7,034,786	8,939,855	7,840,438	7,062,383	9,192,744
	Av., "	34.54	32.56	23.86	26.29	25.69	26.21	25.33
Hay	Area, aca.	768,388	942,166	1,688,402	2,518,351	2,994,519	2,634,680	2,355,506
	Yld., tons	767,194	1,067,255	2,024,608	2,867,973	3,902,189	3,167,459	2,177,470
	Av., "	1.00	1.13	1.20	1.14	1.30	1.20	0.93
Potatoes(b)	Area, aca.	76,265	112,884	109,685	130,463	149,144	145,111	122,990
	Yld., tons	243,216	380,477	322,524	301,489	388,091	397,102	459,989
	Av., "	3.19	3.37	2.94	2.31	2.60	2.74	3.74
Sugar-cane	Area, aca.	19,708	45,444	86,950	101,010	128,350	241,576	273,491
	Yld., tons	349,627	737,573	1,367,802	1,682,250	2,436,890	4,213,453	5,523,416
	Av., "	17.74	16.23	15.73	16.65	18.99	17.44	20.20
Vineyards	Area, aca.	14,569	48,882	63,677	60,602	92,414	112,961	129,879
	Wine, gal.	1,438,060	3,437,598	5,262,447	4,975,147	8,542,573	14,190,522	16,009,262
Total gross value all agricultural production £		15,519,000	16,988,000	23,835,000	23,774,000	81,890,000	74,489,000	71,398,000
Pastoral dairying, &c.--								
Live Stock	Sheep No.	65,092,719	106,421,068	72,040,211	96,886,234	86,119,068	110,618,893	122,694,095
	Cattle	8,010,991	11,112,112	8,491,428	11,828,954	14,441,309	12,260,955	13,255,841
	Horses	1,088,029	1,584,737	1,620,420	2,278,226	2,438,182	1,775,550	1,665,616
(a)	Pigs	703,188	845,888	931,309	1,110,721	960,385	1,167,845	1,797,340
	Wool production, (d) lb.	319,649,000	634,046,000	539,395,000	798,391,000	723,059,000	1,007,456,000	1,141,775,000
Butter production	(e)	42,314,585	103,747,295	136,747,295	212,073,745	267,071,340	390,654,070	432,082,922
	Cheese production	(e)	10,130,945	11,845,153	15,886,712	32,653,003	31,422,973	60,004,440
	Bacon and ham	(e)	16,771,886	34,020,629	53,335,092	58,626,469	71,121,740	89,373,119
Total gross value of pastoral and dairying production £		29,538,000	39,256,000	36,890,000	72,883,000	119,399,000	103,018,000	173,755,000
		1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921.	1931.	1941.
Mineral production--								
Gold	£	5,194,390	5,281,861	14,017,538	10,551,624	4,018,685	3,563,519	15,990,550
	Sliver and Lead	45,622	3,736,352	2,248,598	3,022,177	1,539,992	1,443,897	6,255,860
Copper	£	714,003	367,373	2,215,431	2,564,278	803,957	567,558	1,505,200
	Tin..	1,145,889	560,502	448,234	1,209,973	418,418	216,205	1,001,179
Zinc	£	200	2,979	4,067	1,415,169	283,455	512,795	1,589,913
	Coal	637,865	1,912,353	2,602,733	3,927,360	11,014,831	6,355,246	10,871,870
Total value of all mineral production £		7,820,290	12,074,106	21,816,772	23,302,878	19,097,384	13,352,316	41,256,888
Forestry production--								
Quantity of local timber sawn or hewn--								
'000 sup. ft.		(e)	(e)	452,181	604,794	590,495	236,707	893,584
Factories--								
No. of factories	..				14,455	18,023	21,657	26,971
	Hands employed				371,710	378,540	339,658	725,342
Wages paid	£	(g)	(g)	(g)	27,528,377	68,050,861	55,931,818	180,052,212
	Value of production				51,259,004	121,674,119	110,981,830	316,439,028
Total value of output £					133,022,090	320,331,765	281,645,785	773,058,971

(a) At 31st December. (b) Partly estimated for 1881. (c) Area of productive cane. (d) In terms of greasy. (e) Information not available. (f) Years ended December, except for last two columns which refer to years ended June. (g) Owing to variation in classification and lack of information, effective comparison is impossible.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY, AUSTRALIA—continued.

Heading.	Years.						
	1881.	1891.	1901.	1911.	1921-22.	1931-32.	1941-42.
Shipping—							
Oversea vessels { No. 3,284 3,778 4,028 4,174 3,111 3,057 (a) 3,814							
ent. & cleared { tons 2,549,364 4,726,307 6,541,991 9,984,801 9,081,278 11,395,784 (a) 13,545,712							
Commerce—							
Imports, oversea £ 29,067,000 37,711,000 42,434,000 66,967,488 103,066,436 44,712,868 (b) 149,355,797							
„ per head £ 12/16/2 11/16/0 11/3/11 14/18/2 18/14/1 6/16/6 20/18/6							
Exports, oversea £ 27,523,000 36,043,000 49,696,000 79,482,258 127,346,535 c 85,842,887 bc 127,208,381							
„ per head £ 12/2/8 11/5/6 13/2/2 17/13/10 23/4/1 13/1/11 17/16/6							
Total oversea trade £ 56,595,000 73,754,000 92,130,000 146,449,746 230,912,971 130,555,755 b 276,564,178							
„ per head £ 24/18/10 23/1/6 24/6/1 32/12/0 41/18/2 19/18/5 38/15/0							
Customs and Excise duties £ 4,809,326 7,440,869 8,656,530 13,515,005 27,565,199 28,524,996 56,777,344							
„ per head £ 2/2/5 2/6/7 2/5/8 2/19/2 5/0/1 4/7/1 7/19/1							
Principal Oversea Exports (d)—							
Wool .. lb. (e) .. 323,369,200 619,259,800 518,018,100 720,364,900 927,833,700 893,644,148 937,375,841							
„ £ 13,173,026 19,940,029 15,237,454 26,071,193 47,977,044 32,102,246 58,040,901							
Wheat .. cental 3,218,792 5,876,875 12,156,035 33,088,704 59,968,334 76,440,603 13,387,573							
„ £ 1,189,762 1,938,864 2,774,643 9,641,608 28,644,155 19,220,203 4,644,793							
Flour .. tons 49,549 33,363 96,814 175,891 359,734 610,858 413,684							
„ £ 519,635 328,423 589,604 1,391,529 5,519,881 3,833,237 4,191,382							
Butter .. lb. 1,298,800 4,239,500 34,607,400 101,722,100 127,347,400 201,689,400 130,347,196							
„ £ 39,383 206,686 1,451,168 4,637,362 7,968,078 10,250,002 8,124,975							
Hides and skins £ 316,878 873,695 1,250,938 3,227,236 3,136,810 2,315,594 5,981,589							
Tallow .. £ 644,149 571,069 677,745 1,935,836 1,441,795 831,415 841,719							
Meats .. £ 362,965 460,894 2,611,244 4,303,159 5,542,102 6,370,012 14,094,013							
Timber (undressed) £ 118,117 38,448 731,301 1,023,960 1,158,166 432,595 320,400							
Gold .. £ 6,445,365 5,703,532 14,315,741 12,045,766 3,483,239 12,694,786 (f)							
Silver and lead £ 57,954 1,932,278 2,250,253 3,212,584 2,697,130 2,902,056 (f)							
Copper .. £ 676,515 417,687 1,619,145 2,345,961 705,358 472,468 (f)							
Coal .. £ 361,081 645,972 986,957 900,622 1,099,899 341,800 259,093							
Govt. Railways—							
Lgth. of line open, mls. 3,832 9,541 12,579 16,078 23,502 26,959 27,241							
Capital cost .. £ 42,741,350 99,764,090 123,223,779 152,194,603 244,353,233 323,365,450 323,545,989							
Gross revenue £ 3,910,122 8,654,085 11,038,468 17,847,837 33,194,630 37,579,905 66,481,738							
Working expenses £ 2,141,735 5,630,182 7,133,617 10,945,727 29,817,970 28,141,984 51,043,094							
Per cent. of working expenses on earnings % 54.77 65.06 64.63 61.33 78.07 74.88 76.78							
Postal—							
Letters and post-cards dealt with No. 67,640,000 157,297,000 220,853,000 453,063,000 561,973,105 731,134,500 941,815,900							
„ per head „ 29.61 49.07 58.26 100.90 102.01 111.62 131.96							
Newspapers dealt with No. 38,063,000 85,280,000 102,727,000 141,638,000 140,477,184 139,502,100 158,058,700							
„ per head „ 16.66 26.61 27.10 31.54 25.50 21.30 22.15							
Cheque-paying Banks (h)—							
Note circulation £ 3,978,711 4,417,269 3,399,462 3,718,458 (i) 213,868 197,121 (j) 166,571							
Coin and bullion held £ 9,108,243 16,712,923 19,780,528 33,470,770 21,626,830 2,882,026 (j) 6,022,151							
Advances £ 57,732,824 129,741,583 86,352,832 108,578,774 193,435,767 £260,917,515 jk 270,584,456							
Deposits £ 53,849,455 98,345,338 91,487,148 143,446,910 1273,866,737 £319,241,333 jk 668,730,856							
Savings Banks (m)—							
Total deposits £ 7,854,480 15,536,592 30,882,645 59,393,632 154,396,051 197,966,308 n 446,046,456							
Aver. per head of population £ 3/10/5 4/18/7 8/3/0 13/8/5 28/0/4 30/1/11 61/13/11							
State Schools—							
Number of Schools .. 4,494 6,231 7,012 8,060 9,445 10,097 9,535							
Teachers .. No. 9,028 12,564 14,500 16,971 26,120 33,762 32,066							
Enrolment .. 432,320 561,153 638,478 638,850 819,042 936,901 886,655							
Aver. attendance „ 255,143 350,773 450,246 463,799 666,498 817,262 732,116							

(a) 1938-39 figures. (b) Merchandise only. (c) British currency values. The recorded values were: Exports, 1931-32, £A109,034,065; and 1941-42, £A159,323,498, *vide* page 15. (d) Australian produce, except gold, which includes re-exports. (e) In terms of greasy. (f) Not available for publication. (g) Includes packets. (h) Figures for the first three years are averages for the December quarter; the remainder for the June quarter. (i) Decrease due to prohibition of re-issue. (j) Quarter ended March, 1944. (k) Government "Set-off" accounts, Interstate (Commonwealth Bank) excluded. (l) Includes Commonwealth Savings Bank Deposits. (m) First three years at 31st December; remainder 30th June. (n) At 31st March, 1944.